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**DECISION No. 11/07
OSCE CHAIRMANSHIPS IN 2009, 2010 AND 2011**

The Ministerial Council,

Decides that Greece will exercise the function of the OSCE Chairmanship in the year 2009;

Decides that Kazakhstan will exercise the function of the OSCE Chairmanship in the year 2010;

Decides that Lithuania will exercise the function of the OSCE Chairmanship in the year 2011.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the Delegation of Kazakhstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,
Dear colleagues,

Kazakhstan has been actively campaigning for the OSCE chairmanship for almost five years.

We believe that the election of Kazakhstan as OSCE Chairman and the related consequent processes will have a multiplicative effect for the comprehensive modernization of our country and the region in its entirety as well as for the renewal of our Organization for the good of all of its participants.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the partner countries that have consistently supported Kazakhstan’s candidacy.

The year of our chairmanship — 2009 — was important for us as a proof of the high tempo of democratic transformations in our country.

We do not see any serious and objective reasons that might have led to our candidacy being refused, since Kazakhstan was the only candidate for the 2009 chairmanship and as such enjoyed the support of the overwhelming majority of the OSCE participating States.

In this connection, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to express its opinion regarding the decision to change the year of our chairmanship to 2010. We respect this consensus-based decision. We would like this step to be considered an act of good will on the part of Kazakhstan and all OSCE participating States, undertaken out of a concern to strengthen the Organization as a whole.

The delegation of Kazakhstan proposes that the situation related to our bid should not be regarded as a precedent but, nevertheless, as an example of a constructive decision taken with a view to raising the importance and role of the OSCE in the global community.

We would request you, distinguished Mr. Chairperson, to attach this statement to the decision adopted and to include it in the journal of today’s meeting.”