



**DELEGATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN TO THE OSCE**

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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan,
Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov,
in response to the statement of H.E. Petros Efthymiou,
President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

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Dear Mr. Chairperson, dear colleagues,

We would like to join other speakers in welcoming H.E. Petros Efthymiou, the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Today's report by the President of the OSCE PA confirms the important role that the parliamentary dimension plays in the OSCE community. Parliamentarians from the OSCE participating States contribute to the essential work of the Organization. Time and again, the OSCE PA has served as a catalyst for debates, identified challenges, and put forward ideas for responding to these. The OSCE needs this stimulus.

The delegation of Kazakhstan to the OSCE PA has always been actively involved in the process of multilateral co-operation within the Assembly. Last year, Kazakhstan, holding the Chairmanship of the OSCE, enjoyed mutually beneficial co-operation with the OSCE PA.

The Astana Commemorative Declaration made a significant contribution to security and co-operation in Europe and Eurasia across all

three OSCE dimensions and underlined the important role of the Parliamentary Assembly.

In challenging times, courage and determination are at a premium – needed to enable us to continue defending the values that we hold true and the Organization that was created to advance them. The OSCE PA is a key part of this process.

In this regard, the view of the delegation of Kazakhstan is that the OSCE PA may proceed with supporting the participating States in their democratic development, as well as bringing additional visibility and credibility to the Organization.

In particular, the PA has an aptitude to be actively involved in promoting the OSCE commitments in all three dimensions, to continue contributing to the conflict cycle by lending the expertise of the parliamentary bodies, to increase parliamentary dialogue in Central Asia, to enhance co-operation with the ODIHR, including sharing with it the PA's extremely important and exemplary experience in the observation of elections and assessment of their results.

To that end, we strongly support a key role for the OSCE PA in the election observation process. We would like once again to express our confidence in further fruitful co-operation, to express our highest appreciation for Mr. Efthymiou's, personal hard work and to wish him every success in his future endeavours.