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DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN TO THE OSCE

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Statement by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, at the 865th (special) plenary meeting of the Permanent Council, Vienna, 9 June 2011

Mme. President, Excellencies,

On behalf of my Government, I would like to wholeheartedly welcome you, Madame President, to the OSCE Permanent Council. It is great honour for us to have this unique chance to host you as a very outstanding event for our Organization.

I would like to start with referring to the Kyrgyz-Kazakh proverb -

"Төскейде малы, төсекте басы қосылған қазақ пен қырғыз бір туған" Which means in free interpretation:

"Brotherly Kazakh and Kyrgyz nations have many things in common including history, culture, language, religion".

Being the good neighbours at the foot of Alatau mountains, we have seen many times in our history the courage, determination, infinite wisdom of the Kyrgyz people.

Last year, OSCE participating States have witnessed how Kyrgyz Republic underwent serious political test. Your country passed through difficult challenging period and now it is on the new path in its democratic, social and political development. Let me underline here, esteemed Roza Isakovna, that we applaud your firm determination as well as strong political will in order to bring peace and stability in your country during these difficult and highly responsible period of transition.

Allow me also to thank you personally, Mme President, for active participation in the Astana Summit and enormous support rendered to the

Kazakhstan Chairmanship last year. And we all are witnessing your continuous support to our Organization in all its aspects. We commend active and constructive input your professional team here in Vienna led by Ambassador Lidiya Imanaliyeva renders to further development of our common goals.

As the OSCE Chair in 2010, Kazakhstan was trying its best to apply utmost efforts in order to ensure early restoration of peace and order, facilitated the dialogue and rendered assistance to the people of Kyrgyz Republic. Namely, pursuant to Porto Decision No. 8, to appoint "a personal representative to deal urgently with a crisis or conflict", the then Chairperson-in-Office Kanat Saudabayev appointed on April 8, 2010 Ambassador Zhanybek Karibzhanov as Special Envoy of the CiO to deal with the situation in Kyrgyzstan.

Allow me to take this splendid chance to thank you, dear Roza Isakovna, and your Government for enormous support to the effective and fruitful activity of Ambassador Karibzhanov and his colleagues from UN, EU and OSCE Secretariat.

At the Astana Summit we all committed ourselves to build up the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community. I am sure and there are no doubts that Kyrgyzstan will consistently contribute to this endeavor.

Mme. President, Your Excellency,

We would like to wish a happiness personally to you, best of success, peace and prosperity to your country and brotherly people of Kyrgyzstan.

Thank you.