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Statement on the visit of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office to Ukraine

As delivered at the 805th meeting of the Permanent Council,
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Mr. Chairman,

As you have just mentioned, the visit of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Kazakh Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev to Ukraine took place on 31 March.

In this connection I would like to add a couple of points of particular relevance to our deliberations here in Vienna.

During the meeting of the Chairman-in-Office with the President of Ukraine Victor Yanukovich it was stressed that Ukraine is ready to actively engage in discussions on the future of European security. It was confirmed that the OSCE is the most suitable platform for such dialogue.

The President of Ukraine particularly emphasized the importance of reflection in any new document on the European security of the provision of legally binding security guarantees for the states that voluntarily renounced nuclear weapons as well as the states that, like Ukraine, are not members of any military-political blocs. Another important point is the fundamental right of the states to choose their own means of ensuring national security.

The Head of State also stressed that the Ukrainian side is ready to support Kazakhstan in elaborating the agenda of the OSCE Summit.

Last but not least I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for informing the Permanent Council of the fact that during talks with the Chairman-in-Office in Kyiv Ukraine's bid for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2013 was confirmed at the highest level. We would like to emphasize that our country intends to make a proper use of its future chairmanship for further strengthening the comprehensive *aquis* of shared values, norms and principles in all three dimensions of the OSCE.

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.