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**Statement by
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE,
Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
at the 763th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
4 June 2009**

*In response to H.E.Mr. G.Karasin,
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation*

Dear Madam Chairperson,

We welcome the esteemed Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr. G.Karasin. We thank him for the detailed and informative statement which of course helps understand the Russian position with regard to one of the most acute security issues in the southern borders of Russia as well as in one of the important regions of our Organization's activities.

We closely monitor the situation in South Caucasus. We attach great importance to cooperation with this region both on bilateral and multilateral bases, and we express big and, as we believe, justified hopes for the accelerated development of our cooperation.

We are of the view that it is necessary to take all the efforts to create conducive environment for ensuring security in this particular region of OSCE. In this context we welcome the format of the Geneva discussions with participation of all the concerned parties and realization of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism.

The activities of our Organization in the region have to meet our common interests and contribute to the tackling of the overall situation in Caucasus. We think that the OSCE potential in this matter has not been exhausted; it may and must be used for the purposes of strengthening stability and security. In this connection we believe that it is necessary to continue the work on seeking for a

compromise solution and ensuring conditions for further OSCE field presence in the region.

As the country that is to take over the Chairmanship of OSCE Kazakhstan will apply its best efforts the continuation of dialogue aimed at concrete results, taking into account the views of all the concerned parties.

In conclusion, we would like to wish to the distinguished Grigory Borisovich Karasin health and successes in his highly demanding activity.

Thank you for your attention.