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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan,
Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
in response to the Report by
the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating
Trafficking in Human Beings
at the 785th Permanent Council meeting
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Madame Chair,

We would like to join previous speakers in welcoming Ms. Eva Biaudet and to express our gratitude for her tireless and devoted efforts to combat trafficking in human beings for the past three years.

Our delegation enjoyed mutually beneficial cooperation with Ms. Biaudet and her Office. Recently team of the Office experts visited Kazakhstan to assess the situation of trafficking in human beings on the ground. We are confident, that this study would significantly contribute to anti-trafficking efforts in the regional context.

Kazakhstan has been taking continuous efforts in combating trafficking in human beings over the years. We are a party to the relevant UN documents, including Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of 2000.

Kazakhstan, being a country of origin, transit and destination of victims of human trafficking, will continue to pay serious attention to this issue. Especially child trafficking and gender aspects of prevention, efficient prosecution of trafficking cases are of great importance in today's agenda.

Taking into account that children are most vulnerable to criminal offences in this area and more likely than others to become victims of the criminal activities, we plan to devote one of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meetings next year to the issues of strengthening measures

to combat trafficking in human beings with a particular focus on trafficking in children.

The problem of trafficking in human beings has become especially acute during the current global economic downturn. Therefore, we have to combine our efforts to encounter these problems and undertake relevant measures to mitigate them in vulnerable areas.

We value very much Ms. Biaudet's today's ideas and vision of the future activities of our Organization in the field of combating trafficking in human beings. All these proposals deserve every support and thorough consideration.

Since this is the last appearance of Ms. Biaudet to the PC in her present status I would like once again express our highest appreciation for her personal and her dedicated Office's hard work as well as wish her every success in her future endeavors.