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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 768th Permanent Council meeting
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Madame Chair,

I would like to welcome Ms. Eva Biaudet and to mention the mutually beneficial cooperation between the Kazakh delegation and her Office.

Kazakhstan, being a country of origin, transit and destination of victims of human trafficking, pays serious attention to this issue. That is why we are particularly interested in strengthening the measures to combat this threat using available political and legal instruments.

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

Kazakhstan has entered into a number of bilateral agreements on mutual legal assistance in criminal cases and extradition. Our national legislation, in particular Criminal Code, foresees the liability for human trafficking related crimes.

With great interest we have learnt some months ago about intention to visit Kazakhstan and make an assessment of the situation of trafficking in human beings in the country.

We are confident, that this study would significantly contribute to anti-trafficking efforts in the regional context.

The issues which are going to be focused on during the visit, especially gender aspects of prevention and prophylactics of child trafficking, efficient prosecution of trafficking cases, are of great importance in today's agenda.

At the same time the current global financial crisis, we witness today, has its impact on the issues of combating in human beings. This is why we have to combine our efforts to encounter these problems and undertake relevant measures to mitigate them in vulnerable areas.

In conclusion, allow me wish You, Ms. Biaudet and the staff of your Office every success.