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Statement of the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE on the Address by OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Joao Soares at the 782st meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council 19 November 2009

Thank you Madam Chair, Dear Colleagues,

The delegation of Kazakhstan would like to welcome the Address of H.E. Mr. Joao Soares to this Permanent Council and thank him for his work on facilitating a balance in the activity of the Organization between the "East and West of Vienna," and ensuring the full respect for the principles of the OSCE in an inclusive manner involving all participating States.

We thank Mr. President for his fruitful visit to Kazakhstan and his readiness to continue to work with Kazakh colleagues in addressing the issues of further promotion of democracy.

Excellency Mr. Soares,

Allow me cite a passage from your today's Address: "The OSCE is in need of revival. The Parliamentary Assembly has regularly encouraged an increase in high-level political dialogue on the OSCE. The Corfu process serves as an excellent starting point for this. I believe that 2010 - as both the 35th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act and the 20th Anniversary of the Charter of Paris - is the appropriate moment to reinvigorate the OSCE through the convening of an OSCE Summit." It is fully in this line that Kazakhstan proposes to convene an OSCE Summit in 2010, which, in our view, will give a new impetus to the political dialogue that ensures peace, security, and freedom and will task the

Organization to continue to work for a secure Europe without divisions. Moreover, it will help to use modern thinking to overcome our current challenges as they increasingly present very real security threats throughout the OSCE region.

For the said purpose we need to start preparatory work as early as possible – at the Athens Ministerial Council. An appropriate tasking to the Permanent Council by our Ministers will help to shift from discussions over the substance of the Summit to the commencement of practical work.

In conclusion, we express gratitude to Mr. Soares for welcoming the incoming Kazakh Chairmanship and for the firm belief that the Chairmanship will be good for this Organization, and for Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan will also endeavor to facilitate that the Parliamentary presence in all OSCE activities would help raise the level of public acceptance and achieve essential democratic aims, particularly transparency and accountability in governmental institutions and public life.

Thank you.