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**DECISION No. 1069
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana until
31 December 2013.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Kazakhstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council on the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana, Delegation of Kazakhstan would like to make the following interpretative statement:

Delegation of Kazakhstan joins the consensus on the decision of the Permanent Council on the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana. Taking this opportunity we would like to reiterate that Kazakhstan attaches great importance to efficient and effective functioning of the OSCE Centre in Astana.

The programmatic activities of the Centre should be transparent, accountable and result-oriented.

In order to increase transparency and effectiveness of projects implemented, evaluation of the Centre activities in overall and its each project should be conducted on a regular basis. This evaluation should be based on certain outputs/benchmarks outlined in a project. Follow-up to projects should also be exercised.

Moreover it is important that throughout the process of preparation of the Centre's Programme Outline as well as budget and projects development, governmental bodies of Kazakhstan are consulted. Let me stress yet again that co-operation and participation of governmental bodies are key to successful implementation of projects.

Finally the activities of the Centre should be focused, as stated in the Istanbul European Security Charter, on providing assistance and advice or formulating recommendations in areas agreed by the OSCE and the host country. Capacity-building of the host country with the view of gradual transfer Centre's functions to the host country in the foreseeable future should be at the core of every project it implements.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”