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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of  
Kazakhstan to the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov  
in response to Ambassador Alexandre Keltchewsky,  
Head of the OSCE Centre in Astana  
at the 763<sup>rd</sup> Permanent Council meeting**

4 June 2009

Madame Chair,

I would like to warmly welcome Ambassador Keltchewsky at today's Permanent Council meeting and thank him for his detailed and comprehensive report outlining Centre's activities for the last seven months.

Indeed, the tenth anniversary of the Center marked with considerable progress in many fields where the field mission's activity and efforts were applied.

We agree with the report's assertion of very good relations between Center and Kazakhstan authorities as well as its civil society. We hope that a high-level and result-oriented dialogue on many issues of mutual concerns including the preparation process for the upcoming Chairmanship will be continued.

We hope that close cooperation between all stakeholders of the political process will be further enhanced in Kazakhstan and thereby support the Center's efforts in this area within its current mandate. In this regard we also believe that the Center should continue to keep balance between all three OSCE dimensions in its projects activities while working closely with the regional and central authorities and NGOs.

Kazakhstan supports continuous efforts being made by the Center in promoting confidence and security building measures; improving border security and management; raising the OSCE public awareness among population; assisting the Government in developing the legal and institutional framework against money-laundering and the financing of terrorism as well as in combating corruption. We also commend the Center's assistance on improving national legislation including through

organizing and participating in consultations on preparing new draft legislation that triggered the latest political developments in Kazakhstan.

In its future work Center should also actively be involved into project activity related to fight against new threats and challenges, in particular fight against drug trafficking. I would like to assure you in our utmost support in this regard.

Kazakhstan welcomes programmatic activities of the OSCE Center in the second dimension aimed at promoting good governance, anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, as well as strengthening the legal and institutional basis for combating corruption.

As rightly mentioned in the report the existing mechanisms of power allowed to timely address the threats and implement necessary activities on the economic track of state policies.

We support Center's activity in water management, namely joint use of Chu-Talas trans-boundary water facilities. We agree that this pattern of interaction has become a model of regional water cooperation.

We believe the Center should be actively involved into activities aimed at addressing the Global economic and financial crisis as well as according to the possible theme of the next EEForum.

I'd like to reiterate Kazakhstan's big interest of closer cooperation of the Centre with the state authorities. All the activities should be demand-driven, and facilitate, hopefully, closer regional cooperation. OSCE presence in the field in all 5 Central Asian states could serve as a good platform for dialogue on quite a considerable number of issues of mutual interest.

I also would like to stress that all legal cases mentioned in the Report are conducted in unprecedented transparent and open manner. It means juridical procedures are considered to be carried out in most fair way based on existing legislation.

Madame Chair,

In conclusion I would like to once again thank Ambassador Keltchewsky and his team for their cooperation, wish them every success and reaffirm our openness for further cooperation and support.

I thank you.