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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding Kazakhstan's election to the United Nations Security Council**

Mr. Chairperson,

We should like to congratulate our friend Kazakhstan on its election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. This is particularly significant in a year that marks the 25th anniversary of the country's independence.

The decision adopted in New York on the election of Kazakhstan to this statutory body of the UN bore witness to the general respect and confidence in the State, which in recent years has made remarkable progress in various aspects of domestic development and demonstrated a spirit of constructive co-operation in international affairs. The widespread support for Kazakhstan shown by the UN Member States in the voting in the General Assembly serves as further confirmation.

We are confident that Kazakhstan will be able to enrich the work of the Security Council through its particular approach to solving problems and challenges to global security, many aspects of which have already been reflected in international initiatives from Astana. There can be no doubt that this will also be helped by the successful experience of Kazakhstan's OSCE Chairmanship in 2010, culminating in the OSCE Summit, at which important tasks connected with the creation of a Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community were set.

Allow me once again to congratulate our Kazakh friends and wish them every success in the responsible mission awaiting them.

Thank you for your attention.