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THE OSCE, AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT
COUNCIL AND THE OSCE FORUM FOR
SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

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Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me to extend a warm welcome to my long-standing friend and colleague from past years, Mr. Nikolay Nikolayevich Bordyuzha, in this centuries-old palace hall, where in recent times many well-known political figures have had an opportunity to take the floor and express their points of view on the problems of peace, stability and security. We are happy to see you here today, Nikolay Nikolayevich, within the walls of the OSCE, and we should like to thank you for the comprehensive and detailed report that you have delivered to us.

In connection with the words we have just heard, we note in particular that since the time of the formation of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) an extremely significant treaty-law framework has been developed to govern the co-operation of member States in the military and military technical areas.

It comes as no surprise to anyone that the focus of the common interests in the pooling of efforts is on the establishment of effective arrangements to collectively ensure security and counter contemporary transborder challenges.

A key pursuit of the CSTO must continue to be the further elaboration of the counter-terrorism component of the collective security system, including a more active exchange of experience in these matters, the training of counter-terrorism unit personnel, and continued co-operation with international counter-terrorism structures in combating terrorism, in carrying out the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and in implementing the provisions of the universal counter-terrorism conventions.

We think it particularly important to establish co-operation between the counter-terrorism structures of the CSTO and the OSCE by, among other things, the taking of practical measures in the form of joint exercises, seminars and training courses, including those for specialists.

Practical experience shows that this is an essential, useful and effective means of concrete and substantive co-operation.

In this context it would be proper to continue and indeed step up the positive trend towards co-operation that has already existed in recent times between the OSCE and the CSTO. For the fact is that each of these organizations has its own specific expertise that can be used as an additional and effective factor in ensuring information security, in combating organized crime and the traffic in narcotic drugs, and in securing peace and stability.

An excellent example of this can be seen in the level of collaboration between the CSTO and the United Nations, to which you, Nikolay Nikolayevich, have referred. This co-operation provides a graphic illustration of a constructive relationship between an international and a regional organization.

Experience also shows that more actively tapping into the potential of regional organizations and subregional mechanisms is justified in the pursuit of peace and security, in the search for effective responses to modern threats and challenges, and also in improving co-ordination and the joint planning of measures in the fields of preventive diplomacy, mediation, conflict resolution, peacemaking and peacekeeping.

All of this is particularly topical at the present stage in the discussion of the need to strengthen the security architecture from the Atlantic to Vladivostok and to adopt a new European security treaty.

For these reasons, dear Nikolay Nikolayevich, it is most important at the present time to continue the work of transforming the organization into a multi-functional security structure for the purpose of ensuring a closely knit partnership and of strengthening the potential of the CSTO in countering this century's new threats and challenges, beginning with terrorism, nuclear proliferation, international crime and environmental degradation and ending with the problems of energy security and financial and economic stability.

Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished colleagues and dear friends,

Kyrgyzstan has experienced and is experiencing very difficult and dramatic days. But we are full of optimism and, as a bit of Eastern wisdom puts it, "a severe and cold winter is always followed by spring". Our delegation is particularly thankful for the support and readiness to help displayed by the OSCE as a whole, its Secretariat and its Permanent Council, with special thanks going to the Kazakh Chairmanship.

I should also like to express my great gratitude to the CSTO Secretary General for his quick reaction and for the involvement of the Secretariat in restoring the rule of law in Kyrgyzstan. I want also to restate my conviction that Kyrgyzstan has every intention of implementing the agreements and commitments assumed as part of its membership of the Collective Security Treaty Organization.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.