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at the 937th special meeting of the Permanent Council**
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Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Leonid Kozhara)
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Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Erlan Idrissov, and on behalf of my Government, I would like to wholeheartedly welcome the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Leonid Kozhara, in his capacity as the Chairperson-in-Office of our Organization, to the first meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in 2013.

Kazakhstan supports the priorities of the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship, which were just outlined, and calls upon the participating States to build our activities this year on the achievements and lessons learnt of the previous years.

Indeed, the **Helsinki+40 process** is an overarching goal for 2013. We see this process as a way of identifying a strategic course for the future. It should give us a clear and shared set of objectives for realizing the vision of the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community. It will also give us an opportune moment to take stock of our achievements and failures. Therefore, we are looking forward to the launching of the work of the informal working group, as envisaged by the Ministerial Council Meeting in Dublin, as well as the development of the working group's schedule and the modalities of its activities throughout this year.

Kazakhstan supports the priorities of the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship in the **politico-military** dimension, such as the combating of terrorism, trafficking in drugs and human beings and cyber threats, and the improvement of border security and border management. This work should be based on the Dublin Ministerial Council decision on the OSCE's efforts to address transnational threats.

Updating of the OSCE **non-proliferation principles**, further modernization of the **Vienna Document** and efforts on strengthening the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security no doubt should be continued.

We are also pleased that cooperation with the Partners, especially engagement with **Afghanistan**, was also included among the priorities. In view of ISAF's withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2014, we see merit in the proposal to have in-depth discussions on possible implications of the withdrawal for the OSCE area and the possible response of the Organization to new challenges.

With regard to the **second dimension**, we fully support the intention of Ukraine to strengthen that dimension and to build upon ongoing discussions on modernization of the **Maastricht Strategy Document** for the Economic and Environmental Dimension. The tenth anniversary of that Strategy in 2013 would afford a good opportunity to work on a "Maastricht plus" document.

When we discuss the topic of the environmental footprint of energy-related activities, due attention should be paid to the issue of energy of the future and energy security.

Being a landlocked country, Kazakhstan is interested in discussions on establishing new trade and transport corridors.

As a newly elected member of the UN Human Rights Council, Kazakhstan will pay equally careful attention **to the human dimension issues** within the OSCE.

We welcome the priorities of the Ukrainian Chairmanship in the "third basket". We concur with the view of Ukraine that tolerance and free movement of people, among others, are areas of importance for the OSCE and should be in our field of vision. We are confident that the Ukrainian Chairmanship will spare no effort to bridge the "existing gaps" among the participating States on such issues as election observation, tolerance and non-discrimination. The determination of the Ukrainian Chairmanship to act as an honest broker is praiseworthy, and it is our

hope that that will lead to fruitful results at the Kiev meeting of the Ministerial Council.

The absence of a **legal status** for the OSCE continues to create fundamental and operational problems, not least for ensuring the rights, privileges and immunities of international staff in field missions. Thus we support the intention of the Ukrainian Chairmanship to continue dialogue on the constituent document. This dialogue could be carried on within the Helsinki+40 process as well.

The cooperation of the OSCE with other regional and subregional organizations is key to effective and efficient performance of the Organization's mandate. This cooperation should be conducted on equal terms with all regional structures without discrimination.

I would like to take this opportunity to recall my President's initiative for the creation of a **Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security platform**, where relevant security organizations such as the *UN, OSCE, CICA, EU, CIS, NATO, CSTO* and *SCO* can come together to ensure better coordination in achieving common goals.

Mr. Minister, Excellencies,

Finally, we believe that the approach adopted by the Ukrainian Chairmanship will bolster common actions in realization of our common vision and of the goal of building a Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community.

We would like to wish you, your able teams in Kyiv and Vienna, led accordingly by the Political Director General Viacheslav Yatsiuk and the Ambassador of Ukraine Ihor Prohapchuk, every success in this important mission.

Thank you.