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## Statement by Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE H.E. Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov at the 681<sup>st</sup> special meeting of the Permanent Council 16 October 2007

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Delegation of Kazakhstan warmly welcomes Secretary General at the special Permanent Council meeting today presenting Organization's unified budget proposal for 2008.

We highly appreciate the work done by the Secretariat outlining financial implications of the Organization's activities for the year ahead based on discussions on the 2008 Programme Outline and the Chairperson's Perception Paper of 29 June 2007.

We note that this is the first budget proposal in which the Performance-Based Programme budgeting approach has been applied throughout all funds. We share believe of distinguished Secretary General that the 2008 budget proposals better translate the mandates and tasks set by the participating States as well as their policy guidance on strategic objectives and medium-term outcomes proposed in the Programme Outline into operational outputs for the following year.

Delegation of Kazakhstan proceeds from the position that the volume of budget financing depends from the real needs of the Secretariat and field missions in accordance with goals and tasks of the participating States. However, it is essential that programme activities of the field missions have to be implemented on the requests of host countries and with their consent. We believe that the 2008 Unified Budget Proposal reflects programmatic and regional priorities identified by participating States and presents reasonable resource requirements for the successful implementation of current tasks by the Fund Managers.

I hope that deliberations on the 2008 budget will be productive and constructive and would like to wish Mr. Secretary General every success in this endeavor.

Thank you.