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Regarding constitutional reform in Kazakhstan

Mr. Chairperson,

We thank our esteemed Kazakh colleagues for the detailed information on the “Law on Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan”. We should like to congratulate our Kazakh friends on this important event, which is of great importance for the future of the country.

Life, as you know, does not stand still, the circumstances and conditions in which a State exists can change, it can face new tasks and challenges, the effective solution to which may imply a serious transformation of the State apparatus. We note in this connection the reasoning and scope of the constitutional reform in Kazakhstan. We want to specifically highlight the fact that the public was widely involved in the development and analysis of the proposed legislative changes.

We wish our neighbour Kazakhstan further success on the path of State-building and the improvement of its democratic institutions.

Thank you for your attention.