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## Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, Ambassador Rakhat Aliyev at the 655<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council meeting 8 March 2007

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to warmly welcome the President of Lithuania, H.E. Valdas Adamkus at this meeting of the Permanent Council and thank him for his address highlighting Lithuania's foreign policy priorities.

Kazakhstan and Lithuania have established mutually beneficial cooperation on the bilateral basis as well as in the framework of the international organizations, including the OSCE. Our bilateral cooperation and interest to develop its capacity has been growing in all fields – political, economic and cultural.

We support Lithuania's bid to chair the OSCE in 2010.

My government also very appreciates Lithuanian support of Kazakhstan's initiatives on the wide range of different contemporary issues of the modern agenda.

Using this opportunity let me wish to Mr. President every success in all his efforts for the good of Lithuania and its people.

Thank you.