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**Statement by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov,  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE,  
at the 935th meeting of the Permanent Council  
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Mr. Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

The delegation of Kazakhstan has taken note of the statements of Cyprus on behalf of EU and will bring their content to the attention of the authorities in Astana.

Meanwhile, let me inform you that the Almaty Prosecutor's Office has filed a case with various Almaty city courts requesting a ban on the activities of the unregistered Alga Party and the Halyk Maidany Coalition, the *Respublika* and *Vzglyad* newspapers, and the "K+" and "StanTV" channels on suspicion of extremism.

An analysis of the content of the "K+" television channel, of publications in the *Golos Respubliki*, and *Vzglyad* newspapers and of the *Respublika* and *Stan-TV* outlets, and of a number of other materials showed that they contain propaganda promoting forceful seizure of power and undermining the security of the State. A number of legal experts confirmed the courts' findings.

Article 13, para 4, of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Mass Media states: "Basis for suspension of the release (broadcasting) of a mass media outlet shall be the dissemination of propaganda or agitation for a change by force in the constitutional system, violation of the integrity of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the undermining of the national security, war, propaganda of extremism or terrorism, as well as a recurring violation by the mass media of the requirements set out in paragraph 3 hereof, or the ceasing by the owner to act in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan".

Protection of the domestic legal order is one of the key tasks of any government; therefore, the actions of the Office of the Prosecutor General are fully justified.

And now it is up to Kazakhstan's independent courts to decide whether or not the suit by the Prosecutor's Office has merit.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Kazakhstan is not backtracking on nation-building with democratic development as one of its cornerstones. There should be no doubt about that.

A free press has an important role to play, particularly in articulating the views of a true opposition and helping to develop a genuinely pluralistic society in Kazakhstan.

As Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, E. Idrissov, stated: "Kazakhstan views its election to the United Nations Human Rights Council, not as a badge of honour, but as a spur towards continuing to improve human rights abroad and at home. For while we are proud of our progress as a country, we do believe that we have not yet got everything right... We understand that there is more to do to bring the protection of our citizens' human rights up the level of that enjoyed by more mature democracies. We are ready to work with both domestic and international NGOs to fulfil this aim, just as we are determined to work to promote human rights internationally".

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.