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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE  
STATEMENT PREPARED FOR YVES BEAULIEU, CHARGÉ D’AFFAIRES  
IN RESPONSE TO THE CHAIRPERSON’S STATEMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEM  
1 “THE OSCE SUMMIT 2010 – CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP”  
844<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

Canada truly appreciates your statement on the conclusions and follow-up to the OSCE Summit. We share your positive analysis of the outcome of the Summit and would like to thank you, and your team, for your tremendous effort throughout the year to achieve this important goal.

We believe that your statement will significantly contribute to a smooth transition and handover of the OSCE to the upcoming Lithuanian Chairmanship in 2011.

The Astana Summit, a turning point in our organization, will be judged by historians to have tested the credibility and relevance of the OSCE in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century reality. In our humble view, the Astana Summit took an important first step in moving the ambitions of Helsinki, Paris, Moscow, and others, to reality.

The signals received by my authorities, among others, are as follow:

- Ensuring that the Organization adapts to 21st Century security challenges by focusing on enhanced engagement with Afghanistan;
- Transnational threats require multidimensional solutions;
- The OSCE commitments need modernizing in all three dimensions; and
- Enhancing the OSCE's core regional role in the entire conflict cycle, including the modernization of our conventional Arms Control and CSBMs regimes (eg CFE and VD'99).

As the first Summit in Central Asia – it has also contributed to underscore the inclusiveness of our Organization but also to frame the beginning of a clear understanding of a common Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community.

We also welcome your tremendous efforts to engage the civil society in the preparation of the Summit.

We also welcome your invitation to continue to work, and draw on those parts of the most recent draft Framework for Action (CIO.GAL\179\10\Rev.5), which enjoyed a high degree of consensus. We should keep the momentum and build on those extraordinary efforts.

As you said, and as our Head of Delegations said in Astana – increased efforts should be made to resolve existing conflicts in the OSCE.

Mr. Chairperson,

In closing, we would like to warmly thank Kazakhstan for a very successful and remarkable year.

Thank you.