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**Statement by Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the
OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
at the 761th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
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**In response to the report by Ambassador Vladimir Pryakhin,
Head of the OSCE Centre in Tajikistan**

Madam Chair,

We welcome Ambassador Vladimir Pryakhin and thank him for his detailed report on the activities of his team.

We would like to comment some issues raised by distinguished Ambassador which are extremely important for our region and Organization as a whole.

First of all we share your view that the issue of **drugs trafficking** originating from Afghanistan continues being one of the main border security challenges for Tajikistan, and it is a matter of great concern for the entire Central Asia. In this regard we it is necessary for the OSCE presence in Tajikistan to continue the work on assisting the local authorities in combating and preventing the drug trafficking.

We studied your **program activities** and are confident that the substantial work which has been done in this field is a genuine and constructive contribution to the prosperity and stability of the country and we have also taken note of your future plans. We support projects and activities which are being carried out by the OSCE Center in Tajikistan in the sphere of **Border Management and security**. Tajikistan's **National Border Strategy** that has just been adopted by the Government of Tajikistan is a vivid example of interaction and cooperation of the local authorities and the OSCE represented by Ambassador Pryakhin's team as well as other institutions of the Organization. I would also like to inform that Kazakhstan is interested in setting up of the **Dushanbe Border Management Staff College** and is ready to make some contributions to that end.

Dear colleagues,

As we understand this is Ambassador Pryakhin's last appearance in the PC in the capacity of Head of OSCE Centre in Tajikistan. He has done a great deal of work there on behalf of the OSCE. The upcoming opening of the **Dushanbe Border Management Staff College** can be considered as one of his success stories. There is a feeling of sadness that Ambassador Pryakhin's tenure is nearing its end. Please allow me to wish him good health as well as new achievements in his future activities.

Thank you for your attention.