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**Statement of the Permanent Representative of Greece, Ambassador Mara Marinaki,
in response to the address by the Chairman-in-Office,
Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. Kanat Saudabayev**

Your Excellency,

Greece as the outgoing Chairmanship would like to extend to you a very warm welcome on the occasion of your first address to the Permanent Council in your capacity as Chairman-in-Office.

My country's position is fully reflected in the Statement of Spain, also on behalf of the European Union and, therefore, I will not reiterate what has already been said.

I would like, though, to add a few remarks, both as the outgoing Chairmanship and member of the OSCE Troika, as well as the incoming Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Cooperation, since both these capacities attribute to Greece a special responsibility in supporting the Kazakh Chairmanship in 2010.

As outgoing OSCE Chairmanship, we are well aware of the heavy responsibilities and the demanding tasks awaiting the Kazakh Chairmanship. Advancing the large agenda of the OSCE and especially taking the Corfu Process to a new level will require special efforts, fertile imagination and serious commitment.

Most importantly, they will require a constant adherence to the main attribute of every Chairmanship: to act as the guardian of the OSCE principles and the guarantor of the unity of all its members.

Your Excellency,

the four Ts of your Chairmanship's motto -Trust / Tradition / Transparency / Tolerance - contain all the necessary elements for success.

We will stand by you and will assist all your efforts through sharing our own experiences; we will cooperate with you under our dual capacity as OSCE Troika member and FSC Chairmanship, in implementing the Ministerial Declaration and the Decision on the Corfu Process both adopted in Athens, and we will support the Kazakh Chairmanship in any way that could contribute to the security and stability of this vast area from Vancouver to Vladivostok and the enhanced efficiency of the OSCE.

In this historic moment for Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security, we consider our participation in the Troika as a special privilege.

Your Excellency,

in the name of the former Chairman-in-Office, Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. George Papandreou, we wish you and your very able team in Vienna, led by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, the best of success in all your endeavors and high goals, and we look forward to assisting the Kazakh Chairmanship in every step of this challenging but highly rewarding joint adventure.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.