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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan
to the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
at the 697th Permanent Council meeting**

"24" January 2008

Agenda item: Any other business

Mr. Chairman,

Today I would like to inform the Permanent Council that on the 14th of January Kazakhstan signed a Declaration on recognition of the competence of the UN Committee against Torture, envisaged by the article 21 and 22 of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of 1984. The Declaration will be deposited with the UN Secretary General. Its copy will be distributed among delegations.

In accordance with the Declaration Kazakhstan recognizes the competence of the UN Committee against Torture:

- to receive and consider communications to the effect that a State Party claims that another State Party is not fulfilling its obligations under this Convention (art. 21).
- to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of individuals subject to its jurisdiction who claim to be victims of a violation by a State Party of the provisions of the Convention (art.22).

Thus, rights provided for the citizens of Kazakhstan foreseen in this convention not only expand their opportunities to protect human rights, but also stimulate enhancement of the national human rights institutions and mechanisms in accordance with international standards.

I would like to inform that internal procedures on the joining a number of international treaties and conventions, envisaging mechanisms of international

control for observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms are being implemented in Kazakhstan. Among them are:

- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966;

- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of 2002;

- Declaration in accordance with the article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination of 1965, which will provide to the citizens with the right to refer their complaints to the UN Committee on Elimination of a Racial Discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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**ҚАЗАҚСТАН РЕСПУБЛИКАСЫНЫҢ
СЫРТҚЫ ІСТЕР МИНИСТРІ**

**DECLARATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN ON THE
RECOGNITION OF THE COMPETENCIES OF THE COMMITTEE
AGAINST TORTURE UNDER ARTICLES 21 AND 22 OF THE
CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN
OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT**

In accordance with article 21, paragraph 1, of the Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment done at New York on December 10, 1984 the Republic of Kazakhstan hereby declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee against torture under the conditions laid down in article 21, to receive and consider communications to the effect that another state party claims that the Republic of Kazakhstan is not fulfilling its obligations under this Convention;

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 1, of the Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment done at New York on December 10, 1984 the Republic of Kazakhstan hereby declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee against torture under the conditions laid down in article 22, to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of individuals subject to its jurisdiction who claim to be victims of a violation by the Republic of Kazakhstan of the provisions of the Convention.

IN WITNESS OF WHEREOF, I have signed this declaration in Astana this "_14_" day of January of the year two thousand and eight.

Marat TAZHIN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marat Tazhin', written over a horizontal line.

**HIS EXCELLENCY
Mr. BAN KI-MOON
SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**