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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to  
the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov  
at the 685<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council meeting in response to the Address of the  
Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights,  
Ambassador Christian Strohal  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Delegation of Kazakhstan warmly welcomes Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Ambassador Christian Strohal back to the Permanent Council and thanks him for his report.

The report causes special interest for thorough review on the OSCE's Twelfth Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and on implementation of the Ministerial Council Decision 19/06.

The delegations from Kazakhstan actively participated in HDIM. Experts had fruitful exchanges of different views, ideas, and good practices discussing of existing concerns, challenges and seeking common solutions.

Our delegation welcomes information provided by the ODIHR on the "Implementing Decisions of the 2006 Brussels Ministerial Council".

We welcome continuation of ODIHR's efforts to further strengthen the observation methodology and assistance programmes with participation of all the OSCE participating States. We believe it is a step towards enhancing the efficiency of our Organization in this sphere.

We fully support further diversification of the participation of short-term, long-term and "core team" observers as well as increasing transparency of the recruitment process for EOM core team positions.

In this regard we call on the ODIHR to take proper measures to ensure practical implementation of wider geographical representation in core teams' composition.

Kazakhstan consistently intensifies its interaction with the ODIHR on the whole range of issues Bureau deals with and I am confident in its further productive development.

We look forward for the upcoming follow-up visit of Ambassador Strohal to Kazakhstan to discuss the Final Report issued by the ODIHR on the August parliamentary elections. We are ready to work closely with the ODIHR and other

partners on further improvement of the relevant election legislation and in other areas of mutual concern.

Concluding my statement let me wish to Ambassador Strohal and his team every success in their future endeavours.

Thank you.