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*Statement by the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE
Ambassador Ismatullo Nasredinov
in response to report by Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan
Ambassador Markus Müller*

Mr. Chairman,

Delegation of Tajikistan warmly welcomes Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan Ambassador Markus Müller to the Permanent Council and thank him for his comprehensive presentation.

We highly appreciate the activities and continuing support of the Office to our country in implementation the OSCE principles and commitments.

Activity of the OSCE Office, which celebrated last year its 20th anniversary of presence in Tajikistan, are carried out across all three dimensions. The Office contribution to the development of society through implementation of the program and various projects is supported by the Government of Tajikistan.

Conducting of the annual forum of the OSCE-Tajikistan Task Force with participation of high-ranking officials from the OSCE and the Tajik government as well as representatives of civil society provides an opportunity to highlight recent achievements and identify priorities for national and regional co-operation.

We support Office's engagement in security related issues such as border management, police reform, demining and a wide spectrum of legal reforms. Supporting the implementation of the National Border Management Strategy is very important issue in the OSCE Office's activity.

Tajikistan highly appreciates the activity of the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe as an effective OSCE counter-terrorism center in Central Asia. College training seminars and courses involve not only Tajik experts, but representatives from other participating states and partners for co-operation, including Afghanistan. We express our gratitude to all the donors for their continuing support to the College and hope that proposal of the inclusion of financing this institution through the OSCE Unified Budget will find support of participating states. We welcome developing contacts and cooperation between OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe and Collective Security Treaty Organization.

Environmental disasters and climate change has a big impact on economic development and regional security. We are deeply convinced that these problems are not only

a subject of concern of the separate states but also collective responsibility of the international community, including OSCE.

Enhancing economic development has to be among priorities for the Office's activity. In order to develop the local economy focus must be on making the country an interesting investment prospect, creating a favourable business climate and strengthening economic governance.

It would be expedient to Office to pay more attention to the objectives and content of projects and programs in the economic and environmental dimension, taking into account the importance of these issues for Tajikistan.

We would like to stress an important role of the Office in the frame of Human Dimension towards promoting the OSCE principles and commitments in the area of human rights, specifically on the rule of law, freedom of media, freedom of religion and belief, combating human trafficking and promoting women's rights.

Taking this opportunity we express our gratitude to OSCE Office in Dushanbe for facilitation of Tajik representatives participation at the sessions of relevant Permanent Council Committees for voluntary reporting.

We reiterate our support to the future activity of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan and will continue close cooperation with the Office for implementation of all the jointly set goals.

I thank delegations of European Union, United States of America, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Afghanistan for their words of support to the OSCE Office in Tajikistan.

In conclusion, I would like to wish Ambassador Markus Müller and his able team all success in their future endeavors.

Thank you Mr. Chairman