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**Statement of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan
to the OSCE, Ambassador Doulat Kuanyshev
at the 587th Permanent Council meeting
12 January 2006**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Allow me, first of all, I would like to thank H.E. Mr. Karel de Gucht for his excellent outline of the priorities of his Chairmanship and congratulate him and his colleagues with the beginning of this important mission. We wish you every success.

My delegation has studied the text of this report and we may note with satisfaction that our understanding of the current situation in the Organization conforms to the one put forward in the report. Its objectives are absolutely realistic and achievable provided all the delegations fully cooperate.

Mr. Chairman,

Belgian Chairmanship arrives at the very important stage in the development of the OSCE. I won't be mistaken if say that all of us have great expectations regarding process of reforms process that started last year. The goals are clear. Now it is up to us to continue in a systemic way our actions with the goal to adopt our activities to the new existing realities.

With this regard it is very important to develop our activities within the framework of all three OSCE dimensions, on improving its operative toolkit in order to achieve main purpose - to be a forum for equal dialogue and collective adoption of decisions.

We fully support obviously the intention of the Chairmanship to provide for a balance of dimensions. We note with satisfaction constructive approach towards putting on the table the most complex issues of the OSCE current agenda.

Kazakhstan attaches great importance to decisions adopted at the Ministerial Meeting in Ljubljana in the framework of antiterrorist track of the OSCE activities. We are convinced that the role of this track within the Organization and monitoring of the implementation of international counter-terrorist commitments by the OSCE participating countries should be raised.

The OSCE has to continue under the guidance of the Belgian Chairmanship efforts on humanitarian security provision in the space of its responsibility. Therefore, we attach utmost importance to the task of hosting the OSCE experts Meeting on tolerance, interethnic and inter-religious dialogue and the Regional Conference on combating trafficking in human beings in Kazakhstan during the Belgian Chairmanship.

After presidential elections in my country it has become more than evident a need for further debate and analysis of the methodic of observation and evaluation of elections by ODIHR. Its reputation of the latter as an objective and unbiased OSCE institution has to be free without any doubt.

During the last period the OSCE participating states repeatedly put forward different proposals to amend or modify the Copenhagen document in order to adapt it to changed environment. This process has particularly intensified in 2004 and 2005 when active discussion of new commitments in the “Copenhagen plus” document started in the framework of additional OSCE meetings on human dimension. We are confident that three basic principles of democratic elections – transparency, accountability, and public confidence – can serve as a basis for additional obligations.

We consider military-political aspects of security as one of the priorities of the OSCE, that is why it is very important to continue our joint efforts in this sense, and we look forward to a constructive exchange of views among the delegations at the upcoming Workshop on Military Doctrines.

This spring my country will chair the Third Review Conference of Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe. We hope this Conference will help us to discuss rather complex situation around it.

This year is very important for my country that is determined to continue making political and economic transformations, further raising living standards for our people, enhancing political modernization, developing civil society, strengthening democratic fundamentals by improving legislation.

In his inauguration speech yesterday, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev said, I quote: “During next decade we plan to lead Kazakhstan into the 50 world most competitive nations. Their maturity is not measured only by economy, GDP per capita or GNP, but rather by 4 dimensions of the developed nation – economic, political, social and cultural. This requires development of integral programme of serious economic, administrative, political and legal reforms. There is a huge work ahead. Through this perspective we take seriously our plans for Chairmanship in the OSCE”

Distinguished Mr. Minister,

We look forward for your visit to Kazakhstan in order to continue our constructive dialogue on all scope of issues of interaction between Kazakhstan and the OSCE. We are also glad that during your working trip to Kazakhstan the Embassy of Belgium will be officially opened that certainly will strengthen bilateral relations between our countries.

Let me again wish you personally and your highly efficient team both in Brussels, and in Vienna every success in your endeavor.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to our Slovenian colleagues, who have brilliantly completed their important and responsible mission last year under the leadership of Minister Dimitrij Rupel.

Thank you.