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Statement

**In response to the Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr Mukhtar Tileuberdi,
as delivered by Ambassador Armen Papikyan
at the 1351st meeting of the Permanent Council**

20 January 2022

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, let me warmly welcome the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi at the Permanent Council, and thank him for the comprehensive information on recent developments in Kazakhstan, which we have followed with deep concern and empathy.

Taking this opportunity, let me once again express our deepest condolences to the families of those killed and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

Distinguished Minister,

We strongly wish to see the speedy restoration of stability in Kazakhstan, in strict compliance with the provisions of its Constitution, which will ensure both the security of the state and the freedom of citizens to exercise their constitutional rights.

We are closely following the developments in Kazakhstan and pleased to note that the situation has stabilized and is under the control of authorities. We are hopeful that the newly formed Government of Kazakhstan will be able to develop a programme that will enjoy the support of its citizens and will help defuse the socio-economic tensions that triggered the tragic events, accompanied by numerous human casualties.

We are also extremely alarmed by information that the pogroms and attacks were perpetrated not only by groups of well-trained local gangs and terrorists, but also foreign terrorist fighters, which compelled the leadership of Kazakhstan to seek military assistance from the CSTO.

Dear colleagues,

Based on the official request of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Armenia, in conformity with its obligations as a current Chair of the CSTO and in accordance with the Collective Security Treaty and the CSTO Charter, as well as in full compliance with international law and the UN Charter, launched a consultation mechanism to adequately respond to the request received.

According to the decision adopted by consensus among the CSTO member States, collective peacekeeping forces of the CSTO were deployed across the country for a limited period of time with the sole purpose of protecting strategic objects and critical infrastructure, essential for the functioning of the state.

On 13 January 2022, a decision was taken to start the process of withdrawal of the peacekeeping forces back to the places of their permanent deployment, to be completed within 10 days. As the Minister just mentioned, as of 19 December, the withdrawal has been completed.

We are pleased that the CSTO member states stand united against the scourge of terrorism and extremism.

Esteemed Minister,

In closing, let me express confidence that the wisdom of the friendly people of Kazakhstan will help restore the atmosphere of tolerance and mutual understanding and reinstate the security and stability of the region.

Thank you.