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**Statement by Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the
OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
at the 761th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
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**In response to the presentation by General Kasym Gafarov, First Deputy Chief of the
State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan**

Madam Chair,

We warmly welcome General Kasym Gafarov and greatly thankful to him for his presentation on the OSCE support in strengthening the security and management in Tajikistan. The presentation has highlighted Tajikistan's enormous efforts in ensuring the border security and trying to put the trans-border cooperation into a civilised track.

Kazakhstan cooperates with Tajikistan within various regional structures like Eurasian Economic Community, Collective Security Treaty Organisation, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and others. Kazakh-Tajik bilateral relations and interaction are steadily expanding in a very constructive, amicable and mutually beneficial manner.

We also like to thank Ambassador Salber for his detailed information on the Border Management Staff College. As we already said Kazakhstan welcomes the establishment of the **Dushanbe Border Management Staff College** and is ready to make some contributions to that end.

The issues related to the border security and management is of a great interest for my country. Unfortunately Central Asia has an uneasy neighbourhood and currently the Central Asian states are suffering from the flow of illegal drugs trafficking, their territories are being used as transit routes for drugs. The fight with the drugs smuggling as well as with the threat of terrorist groups is draining our nations' resources. Therefore the OSCE support in these matters is highly valued and we are already witnessing that such sort of assistance can be very constructive and result oriented. We agree with the Gen. Gafarov's view that enhancement of relevant infrastructure and technical upgrade related to the border management will help boost interaction and cooperation in the region.

In conclusion we wish further achievements to the esteemed Tajik colleagues in their endeavours in the field of border management.

Thank you for your attention.