



**DELEGATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN TO THE OSCE**

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**Statement by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE
at the 932nd meeting of the Permanent Council**

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**Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

The delegation of Kazakhstan would like to wholeheartedly welcome Mongolia as the 57th participating State of the OSCE and would like to congratulate all OSCE participating States with such a clear sign of confidence in our Organization.

We are confident that Mongolia will do its best in order to contribute to regional security and stability and spare no efforts in addressing common challenges through a comprehensive approach to security.

Mongolia is a reliable neighbor and has been actively cooperating with Central Asian countries in political, economic, cultural and humanitarian spheres. It is a member of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, has observer status at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. We commend Mongolia's efforts in non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and see it as a chain link to the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free zone Treaty signed in 2006 by five Central Asian states.

My country has been closely working with Mongolia in the framework of the OSCE before, during and after our OSCE Chairmanship having successfully held number of joint events in Ulan-Bator, including 2011 OSCE-Mongolia Conference in May last year as the Chair of Asian Contact Group Meeting. We stand ready to continue such friendly and cooperative engagement with our new participating State.

At the Astana Summit we all committed ourselves to build up the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community. I am sure and there are no doubts that Mongolia will consistently contribute to this endeavor.

Taking this opportunity, allow me commend the efforts of the OSCE Irish Chairmanship and other delegations in order to build consensus and to adopt the decision on the accession of Mongolia to the OSCE.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.