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THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN TO THE OSCE**

**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
to the OSCE, Ambassador Doulat Kuanyshiev  
at the 595<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council meeting  
2 March 2006**

Thank you, Mr.Chairman.

I would like to briefly inform the Permanent Council on the course of investigation of the assassination of Altynbek Sarsenbayev and companions that took place on 13<sup>th</sup> of February.

As a result of investigation activities, the person who commissioned the crime and those who organized and executed it have been detected and detained.

According to the investigation, Yerzhan Utembayev, former Head of Staff of Senate claimed responsibility for organisation of the crime.

In accordance with preliminary conclusions, the motive for the crime was Utembayev's personal hostility towards Sarsenbayev. Investigation is going on and new details of the crime may appear.

Currently all those arrested have recognized their guilt and give their confessions.

As a result of achieved agreement with the Embassy of the United States of America two agents of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation are involved in the investigation of the case.

My delegation will duly inform the Permanent Council on further course of the case.

Thank you.