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THE OSCE, AT THE MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairman,  
My good friend and colleague Kairat,

We also join in expressing our sympathy to the people of Haiti.

First of all, allow me to extend a warm and sincere welcome and my congratulations to you, distinguished Kanat Bekmurzaevich, on your assumption of a leadership role in the activities of our Organization. This is a great honour and a most serious responsibility, but at the same time a unique opportunity as well to contribute to the renewal of the OSCE by actively helping to develop its considerable potential.

We have listened with great interest to the video address by Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of Kazakhstan, and the view you have presented of the basic priorities of the Kazakh Chairmanship for the year ahead. We fully support the approaches you have outlined and regard them as a firm foundation on which to impart a fresh impulse to the OSCE as a forum for dialogue and co-operation.

We believe that despite differences in approaches and views, our Organization, as in the past, must continue to be actively involved in ensuring security and stability throughout the entire OSCE area.

While providing a unique platform for dialogue and the discussion of political issues, the OSCE is at the same time an active player in implementing the decisions reached. It is precisely in that process, as we are aware, that both the capabilities and the effectiveness of the Organization make themselves felt.

The Chairmanship's desire to be guided by the interests of all the Organization's members with a view to strengthening confidence and mutual understanding between countries and to ensuring that equal attention is directed at all three "baskets" in the work of the OSCE deserves particular support.

In that context we welcome Kazakhstan's proposals on the question of the next OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum. There has long been a need for a critical review of and

detailed attention to issues having to do with the enhancement of the security of land transport and the facilitation of international transport by road and rail.

Speaking of transport security, we must also not forget the question of environmental security. In this connection the situation with regard to uranium tailings storage facilities continues to be an urgent as well as a complex one. There is a need for proper support by OSCE partners in tackling this problem, representing as it does a threat to environmental stability and the security of the countries of the Central Asian region.

Turning to the politico-military dimension, we support the intention of the Kazakh Chairmanship to focus on dealing with new problems and on countering various kinds of threats, such as terrorism, extremism, organized crime and trafficking in human beings, and on maintaining stability in Central Asia.

We fully endorse the Chairmanship's desire to harness the capabilities of the OSCE in the interests of the post-conflict rehabilitation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

We regard the tapping of the OSCE's potential as an additional and effective tool for co-ordinating our joint actions in combating the threats emanating from Afghanistan.

You were right when you noted that strengthening borders with Afghanistan will help to raise the level of security for the entire OSCE area.

In that same context we should again like to draw the attention of the delegations and Secretariat to the set of proposals put forward by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiyev, and known as the "Bishkek Initiative", under which it is proposed that the capital city Bishkek should become a platform for negotiations between the opposing parties in Afghanistan.

It is of fundamental importance for all of us that international harmony and consensus should be reached on the territory of our Asian partner for co-operation and that that country should experience a peaceful rebirth and movement towards democracy.

We also believe that the "Bishkek Initiative" could provide a mechanism for the further improvement of co-operation, bringing it to a new qualitative level, and for enhancing the effectiveness of our interaction with all concerned international and regional organizations and States.

We are also counting on the Chairmanship's understanding and support in this area.

We very much hope that together with you we shall be able to move forward the process of reforming our Organization, of devising clear criteria and a uniform methodology for assessing electoral processes, and of strengthening inter-ethnic and inter-faith tolerance throughout the OSCE area.

It is our intention to work actively with the Chairmanship on the question of convening an OSCE summit meeting during the year marking the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the 35th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act and the 20th anniversary of the Charter of Paris for a New Europe.

We are convinced that Kazakhstan's chairmanship will be highly professional, balanced and aimed at enhancing the role of the OSCE as a genuinely collective instrument for dealing with matters of security.

It is our hope that Kazakhstan will succeed in breathing fresh life into the OSCE and in imparting a renewed dynamism to the key areas in the Organization's activities.

In conclusion, allow me to wish you, distinguished Kanat Bekmurzaevich, and your delegation in Vienna every success in tackling the many tasks confronting the Kazakh Chairmanship of the OSCE this year.

As you go about your work, you can count fully on the support of the Kyrgyz delegation as your closest fraternal partner. Kyrgyzstan stands ready to assist in every way possible so as to ensure that the Kazakh Chairmanship is successful and contributes to the enhancement of security and co-operation from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

In turn we should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Greek Chairmanship for its successful and useful work with its focus on the Corfu Process during the year just ended.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.