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**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Lithuania to the OSCE**

**Response to Kazakhstani
Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev**

As delivered by Ambassador Renatas Norkus
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
January 14, 2010

Thank you,

Mr. Chairman,

Lithuanian Delegation would like to warmly welcome His Excellency Minister Saudabayev to the Permanent Council as our Chairman in Office of the OSCE. Please allow me to say a few words in our capacity as a new member of the OSCE Troika.

Your Excellency Minister, as you just said in your address, many challenges are waiting our Organization this year. We trust that under your strong leadership and leadership of Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov and his team in Vienna our Organization will be able to successfully explore all opportunities aimed at strengthening our cooperation, enhancing trust and confidence, and thus contributing to stability and security throughout the OSCE area.

Lithuania on its part is aware of its responsibilities as a member of the Troika, takes them very seriously and with a good degree of enthusiasm. My country is ready to work with the Chairmanship, other participating states and the Secretariat in advancing our Corfu Security Dialogue to a practical and result oriented level, which would make our organization more proactive and vibrant to be able to prevent and respond to current and future challenges. Equally, we wish to make our

contribution to our joint effort in fostering consensus on all important OSCE matters, including the CiO proposal of convening a high-level meeting in 2010.

Let me state with full responsibility that Kazakhstan can always count on our sincere support and encouragement in a spirit of true and constructive partnership.

On this occasion let me convey on behalf of my Minister Vygaudas Ušackas best greetings to you, Mr. Minister, and just say how much he appreciates and enjoys the genuine personal partnership and close cooperation with you.

Let me also use this opportunity in thanking you, Mr. Minister, for recognizing my country by appointing a senior Lithuanian diplomat Ambassador Vytautas Naudužas as your Personal Representative on Transport issues.

We wish many successes for the Kazakh Chairmanship and look forward towards working together in further upholding OSCE values and principles and implementing our joint commitments in all three dimensions.