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**Statement
by the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
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**Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,**

On behalf of my Government, I am pleased to wholeheartedly welcome His Excellency, Minister Eamon Gilmore, to today's special meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council.

Your Excellency,

We thank you for your substantive and informative presentation of the vision and future priorities of the incoming Irish OSCE Chairmanship. We can see that Ireland is preparing a very interesting agenda for the coming year – an agenda that addresses many topical issues in our Organization.

As a member of the OSCE Troika and an incoming Chair of the Forum for Security Co-operation, Kazakhstan is working hand in hand with the current Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship, Ireland and successive FSC Chairmanships to ensure the continuity, better co-ordination and effectiveness of our joint efforts.

We cannot but agree with you that our Organization is going through a challenging time. We will support you in your endeavours aimed at tackling pressing issues of concern to OSCE participating States. We believe that the idea of building a comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security community in the vast Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian area is one that can and must unite us.

We welcome your firm determination to develop a concrete action plan, a task to which our Heads of State and Government committed themselves at the OSCE Summit in Astana last December.

It was also in Astana that our leaders put forward a number of valuable initiatives. We hope our Organization will also address these concrete proposals during the Irish Chairmanship in order to implement some of them.

Kazakhstan views the OSCE as one of the key mechanisms for ensuring international security and co-operation. The Organization remains the only forum for multilateral dialogue in a wider space from Vancouver to Vladivostok, and we have no other option than to strengthen it.

We are looking forward to working with you, Mr. Minister, and your able team here in Vienna led by our good friend and colleague Ambassador Eoin O'Leary, and we wish you every success next year and beyond.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.