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## **STATEMENT**

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We thank the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Chairmanship for the arrangement of this Meeting.

Kazakhstan is completing implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2009-2012, which envisaged extensive measures on improvement of the Kazakh system of human rights protection. Also, under consideration is the issue of adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2013-2016. Moreover, Kazakhstan is successfully implementing the Legal Policy Concept for 2010-2020. At present, the corresponding state bodies of Kazakhstan are considering the draft Law on the freedom of assembly. All this facilitates realization of a more efficient, consistent and coordinated policy in the human dimension with involvement of the Government, civil society and international organizations.

Above that, the Government and public organizations in Kazakhstan are taking active part in implementing the Social Modernization Program of Kazakhstan with the focus on revision of the national legislation in the social area.

Also, I would mention that Kazakhstan holds a firm stand to continue its efforts in facilitating conformity of the legislative and law enforcement practices to international standards and guaranteeing domestic tools of human rights protection.

Dear participants,

Recently, under the Kazakh Foreign Ministry there was established a Working Group on Human Dimension, which is comprised of the representatives of Government, political parties, and civil society of Kazakhstan. Government has also invited to this Group the representatives and experts of international human rights organizations, accredited in Kazakhstan, such as Almaty Helsinki Committee, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law, Freedom House, NDI and other.

The aims of the Group are discussion of the issues related to the monitoring of implementation of the international human rights agreements, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, promotion of cooperation with OSCE institutions in the area of human rights, as well as carry an open dialogue with the representatives of civil society.

Before the end of this year it is planned to convene the first meeting of the Group to form up essential agenda and have an open dialogue on the urgent and prospective issues in the field of human dimension.

In conclusion I would like to express hope that the present Meeting will be held in a constructive spirit.

Thank you for attention.