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Statement by Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna at the 1196th meeting of the OSCE Permanent in response to the presentation by OSCE Secretary General Thomas Greminger on 2019 Unified Budget Proposal

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Thank you Mr.Chairperson,

Delegation of Kazakhstan thanks OSCE Secretary General, for presenting 2019 Unified Budget Proposal to the Permanent Council, as well as all Fund Managers and their staff for their hard work in preparing this document. We would like to emphasize well structured character of the document.

Mr.Secretary General, we welcome your budgetary reforms aimed at making our organization “fit for purpose”. Kazakhstan as a member of Group of Experts and Friends of ACMF contributed into the discussions on local income tax, unified budget process, secondment, BLA and many other issues. We commend reprioritization and efforts of Secretariat with an increased focus on the use of regional approaches and partnerships to ensure minimal increase of the budget. In this regard, we welcome measures undertaken by Secretariat that enabled to save budget expenditures via means of OSCE Learning management system, Continious improvement initiative and other important programs.

In upcoming months we look forward to productive discussions with fund managers to focus on programs and activities that best leverage OSCE's expertise and resources to meet the priorities of the organization and the host governments.

Mr.Chair,

We welcome comprehensive cooperation of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana with host country and equal division of budget among three baskets and remind field operation to implement our previous calling to increase activities of the mission on green economy and connectivity.

We underline the importance of proper evaluation of efficiency of field mission in order to accordingly adapt its activities to our realities.

Availing this opportunity, I would like to remind that Article 41 of the Charter for European Security (Istanbul 1999) states, I quote: "The host country of an OSCE field operation should, when appropriate, be assisted in building its own capacity and expertise within the area of responsibility. This would facilitate an efficient transfer of the tasks of the operation to the host country, and consequently the closure of the field operation". Therefore, "exit strategy" should be an integral part of any field operation of the OSCE.

Mr.Chair,

I would like to draw you attention to the fact that PC decision on 2018 Unified Budget dated 15 February 2018 tasked all fund managers to distribute to participating States twice a year an

open-ended list of Unified Budget projects to be undertaken and funded within the 2018 Unified Budget. Now over 9 months of 2018 we haven't received yet the open ended list of projects even once. In terms of transparency and trust to the executive structures of our Organization, we would appreciate very much to get explanations to this fact and the soonest distribution of the list. I would like to underline that Fund Managers shall provide more detailed information about their Unified Budget project activities if requested by any participating State.

Unfortunately, we witness the previous approach to different dimensions in terms of budget planning. We note that potential of the second dimension is not fully utilised. At this stage we call for increasing the budget of the Office of the coordinator of the Economic and environmental activities (OCEEA).

In the same vein, we note that Feasibility study on the establishment of OSCE thematic Centers/Hubs for Analysis and Research in the Second Dimension initiated by OCEEA is extremely important in widening the horizons of the OSCE.

In conclusion, we look forward to discussing each fund in detail in the weeks ahead with a view to offering clear guidance to fund managers on our Organization's priorities for 2019 and timely adoption of the Unified budget. In this regard, I would like to wish all the success to incoming Slovak team at the ACMF.

I thank you.