



DELEGATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
TO THE OSCE

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 Council in response to the ODIHR Director I.Gisladottir's report on HDIM 2018
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Thank you, Mr Chairperson,

We would like to welcome Director Gisladottir back to the Permanent Council and thank her for comprehensive report on 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

This year Kazakhstan has actively participated at the HDIM sessions, including official and non-governmental sector. Being a party to multilateral universal human rights conventions, including the main relevant United Nations documents, Kazakhstan has been developing as a democratic, secular and law-governed state, where government policy is based on respect for human rights and freedoms. The relevant information on recent reforms was provided by official representatives during HDIM.

At the same time, we express our regret on the fact that OSCE participating States could not reach consensus on PC decision on HDIM agenda which we call not to use as a precedent in the future and would like to encourage current and future Chairmanships, relevant executive structures of the OSCE to address properly concerns of participating States. In this

regard, we welcome newly established Informal Working Group on Civil Society participation to the OSCE activities, and particularly to Human Dimension events, and wish the Head of this group, Ambassador Nincic all the best of the success and good luck. We hope that within the framework of this IWG we will be able to find appropriate solutions to legitimate concerns of participating States.

We would like to underline that human dimension events should be organized in strict accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

We welcome some technical advancement during the last HDIM undertaken by the ODIHR to facilitate security and order, including explicit guidelines to participants made by moderators but would like to point out that we still encountered cases of raising issues by participants not relevant to the topics of sessions.

We supported introducing of new online registration system and would like to encourage consideration of its possible improvements.

We commend substantial discussions of many topics at the HDIM which revealed that some topics may be very useful for adopting decisions, like continuing rise of racism, xenophobia, intolerance and discrimination based on religion, promotion of freedom of thought, freedom of movement, etc. We strongly reiterate our support to the adoption of the Document on Enhancing Efforts to Combat Intolerance and Discrimination

against Muslims and Christians at Milan Ministerial Meeting. It's worthy to refresh the provisions of the Declaration of the Astana 2010 Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination which called on participating States to fulfill their obligations with a view to developing and implementing effective policies aimed at preventing and responding to all manifestations of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, discrimination and intolerance.

In conclusion, I would like to wish you and your able team all the success in future activities.

Thank you.