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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 1191st meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council on early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey held on 24 June 2018 (5 July, 2018)

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Kazakhstan congratulates fraternal people of Turkey on successful conduct of early presidential and parliamentary elections that took place on June 24.

We welcome genuine choice that voters had and high turnout at these elections which demonstrated the will of Turkish people and importance of these elections for the country. Vibrant campaigning by various means, including social media also deserves appreciation.

International Election Observation Mission comprised of ODIHR, OSCE PA and PACE, made a number of positive assessments, including efficient manner of technical preparations, confidence of stakeholders in the quality of voters lists and transparency of the elections process due to high number of observers from political parties and civil society.

We also commend wide participation of many international organizations in observation of the elections; including Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (the Turkic Council), Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries (TURKPA), and we share their views that the elections were held in transparent, free, pluralist and fair manner in accordance with international standards.

On 25 June President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev on behalf of Kazakhstan's nation and on his own behalf congratulated Recep Erdogan on his confident victory in the elections.

"The election results have shown the high appreciation of the Turkish people of your activity as the country's leader and sincere support for your political and economic reforms, as well as the identified strategic directions for progress."

In conclusion, the President of Kazakhstan wished Erdogan health and success in his responsible post, and to the fraternal Turkish people he wished prosperity and well-being.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.