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THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
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**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of
Kazakhstan at the 1197th meeting of the OSCE Permanent
council in response to the statement by the President of the
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly George Tsereteli
(11 October, 2018)**

Thank you Mr.Chairperson,

Delegation of Kazakhstan warmly welcomes His Excellency George Tsereteli back to the Permanent Council. Acknowledging that there is no alternative to cooperation and dialogue in addressing security issues, we underline the key role of Parliaments in facilitating dialogue and generating political will for implementing international commitments. Therefore, Parliamentarians of Kazakhstan continue to take active participation in all OSCE PA sessions and election observation activities. This year was not an exception.

Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, in his capacity of Chair of the second committee, addressed the Members of the General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment at the OSCE PA Winter Meeting. We highly value active participation of the OSCE PA representatives in the second dimension events, as well as the personal contribution of the Chair of the second Committee Ms. Nilsa de Sena and her representatives in strengthening the economic and environmental basket.

Discussions on the role of Parliaments in implementing OSCE commitments in Berlin, during the annual meeting, was of utmost importance. We hope that Berlin Declaration will serve to guide the work of parliamentarians in implementing Organization's principles and carrying back its messages to the people, on whose behalf they are acting.

Kazakhstan always stands for advanced policies of Central Asian regional integration that accounted for the interests and expectations of all governments in the region. Parliamentary conference held in Bishkek in the framework of Autumn session "Promoting Security Dialogue in Central Asia and Beyond", where Kazakhstan shared its views and priorities on promotion of cooperation in Central Asian region for peace and stability in the entire OSCE, fully correlates with our initiatives which we are promoting as a member of UN Security Council. Taking this opportunity, we would like to thank brotherly Kyrgyzstan for hosting the autumn session on such a high level.

Stable and secure development of Central Asia is closely tied to international and regional efforts to aid Afghanistan's socio-economic rehabilitation. Kazakhstan, during its presidency at UN Security Council in January of the current year, organized an open debate of the UN Security Council on international peace and security under the Chairmanship of the President Nazarbayev. In addition, the ministerial debate "building regional partnerships in Afghanistan and Central Asia as a model of interdependence between security and development" was held, which was attended by the Foreign Ministers of the Central Asia and Afghanistan. We urge PA to pay due attention to the issue of Afghanistan in ensuring the long-term stability and security for the countries of the whole OSCE region.

Mr. President,

Given that global threats are nowadays surpassing national borders and becoming more organized and even more violent, we welcome the active work of ad hoc committee on combating terrorism in the OSCE PA and adopted in Berlin PA resolution on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism and radicalization that leads to terrorism. Resolution corresponds the message of the Code of Conduct for the terrorism free world initiated by Kazakhstan, including UN resolution 2396, which urged all Member States to strengthen their efforts to enhance measures on border security, criminal justice and information sharing. On September 28 in New York more than 70 countries signed the Code of conduct, including OSCE participating States as well as Asian and Mediterranean partners for cooperation.

In this context, we welcome the International High-Level Conference “Preventing and Combating terrorism in the digital age”, which was held in Minsk this week. We believe that the conference contributes to greater coherence of efforts to the search for effective anti-terrorism solutions in the digital age.

Realizing the importance of combating terrorism in the OSCE area in light of adopted Ministerial Council “Declaration on strengthening OSCE efforts to prevent and counter terrorism”, we call on parliamentarians of OSCE participating States to consider possible adoption of abovementioned Code of conduct within the OSCE.

Mr. President,

In State of the Nation Address of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan which was delivered on October 5, 2018, President Nursultan Nazarbayev expressed that I quote “*we need to further implement a proactive foreign policy in order to ensure the successful modernisation of Kazakhstan*”, end of quote. In this regards, Kazakhstan will continue bridging mutually beneficial cooperation with all participating States and the OSCE. Therefore, we would like to express our full support to your efforts aimed to contribute for safer OSCE security community.

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

I thank you.