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**Statement by Delegation of Kazakhstan at the 1197th meeting
of the OSCE Permanent Council on OSCE Bicycle tour
at the agenda item Any Other Business
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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Excellencies,

Dear colleagues,

Delegation of Kazakhstan expresses its thanks to all participants of 2018 OSCE Bicycle tour from Vienna to Bratislava held on 6th October 2018, coorganized by Italian and incoming Slovak Chairmanships, OSCE Secretariat, Kazakh delegation, with valuable support of delegations of Central Asia, Austria and Germany.

In our connectivity event 70 persons have participated from 18 delegations, including 7 Ambassadors, and OSCE Secretariat representatives, who took the famous Danube cycle path along the Danube river, the second longest river in Europe. We had exciting stops under “Central Asian tent”, “Connecting Austria” stop at Schloss Eckartsau and “Strengthening connectivity” stop in Hainburg. In our FINISH we enjoyed generous slovak hospitality in Bratislava.

We believe that only by a good will and by joining our common efforts we can solve current challenges and in this regard the human power can connect people, nations and places to each other. Connectivity is essential part of our lives and we were able to experience it by cycling through the two closest capital cities in the OSCE area.

We hope that OSCE bicycle tour will become a good tradition of our organization in upcoming years!

We request the Chairmanship to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

I thank you.