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**Statement by Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna at the 1192<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in response to the report by the Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Ambassador Michael Scanlan (12 July, 2018)**

**Thank you Mr.Chairperson,**

Delegation of Kazakhstan joins other speakers in welcoming Ambassador Scanlan and thanks him for his comprehensive report.

We welcome the unprecedented progress in the Transdniestrian settlement process, which had impact not only on pace, but also on quality of negotiations which are now more constructive, respectful and approached with the goal of finding compromises to achieve agreements. The active work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova and close cooperation with the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office was decisive in creating output-based approach and establishment of “new norm”, where Chisinau and Tiraspol sign agreements with structured timelines and mechanisms that guide the ensuing implementation. We believe that the “new norm” will set the foundation for a final settlement. We absolutely agree with you on that cultivation of “trust” ultimately will allow for a sustainable final settlement.

In this regard, we welcome the outcomes of “5+2 talks” on the Transdniestrian settlement process in Vienna on 28 November 2017, which resulted in confirmation of progress on several of the eight issues previously identified by the sides, including reopening of the Bychok (Бычок) bridge and “5+2 talks” in Rome on 28 May 2018, where parties agreed on an additional measure to allow vehicles with license plates originating in Transndiestria to join international traffic.

We also welcome new co-operation in the field of environmental protection and the rational use of natural resources of the Dniester River.

We believe all these activities of the OSCE Mission to Moldova are in line with notion of connectivity and greening of our economies coined by Chairmanships recent years.

In first dimension, we welcome Mission's continuous efforts aiming to fully functional Joint Control Commission (JCC) and peacekeeping operation, which might be useful in terms of ensuring security and transparency in the Security Zone.

In human dimension, we welcome the resumption of the Human Rights sub-Working Group. Mission's support in addressing the issue of civil status documents through the provision of training opportunities to lawyers and free legal aid to people on both banks, organization of Human Rights Club meetings which have grown into training seminars on prevalent human rights issues, such as freedom of movement is crucial.

We also commend multi-year effort and support by Mission and OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in preparing Action Plan for National Strategy for the Consolidation of Interethnic Relations in Moldova, which was only recently adopted by Government of Moldova.

**Mr.Chairperson,**

Kazakhstan stands for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the UN Charter and universally recognized norms of international law.

Kazakhstan considers it necessary to ensure a genuine settlement of the Transdniestrian issue exclusively by peaceful, political means, taking into account the interests of all parties involved, including determining the proper status of Transdnistria and respecting the political, economic and humanitarian rights of the inhabitants of the region. My country supports output based approach and wishes further progress to negotiations in the "5+2" format

In conclusion, Ambassador Scanlan taking into account that it is your last report at the Permanent Council in capacity of Head of Mission, I thank you for your impressive work and wish you all the success in your future career!

I wish your dedicated team all the success in future activities as well. I believe our secondee is also contributing to fruitful work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova!

I thank you.