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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 1186<sup>h</sup> meeting of the OSCE Permanent in response to the statement by OSCE Secretary General Thomas Greminger (17 May, 2018)**

**Thank you Mr.Chairperson,**

I would like to thank the Secretary General for his presentation of the 2019 Programme Outline. We appreciate the efforts invested by OSCE Fund Managers and the Secretariat in preparing this important document of the Organization on the basis of their respective mandates and tasks. Kazakhstan (as one of the members of ACMF Group of Experts and Friends) express its readiness to constructively engage with budgetary discussions.

**Mr.Chairperson,**

I would like to stress that for many years potential of the second dimension was not fully utilized and not properly funded. For example, last year around 10% of the Unified Budget was allocated for human dimension activities, while 4% was allocated for politico-military activities and only 1.7% for economic and environmental activities. Despite this fact and limited resources we have managed to adopt important documents during the Vienna Ministerial and implementation of all taskings in the second dimension needs appropriate funding. Therefore, we call for equally financing of the all three main pillars of the organization.

However, at this stage we express our support for programmatic activities of the OSCE Secretariat and call for increasing the budget of the Office of the coordinator of the Economic and environmental activities (OCEEA).

Concerning the field missions we believe that all the interesting and important ideas discussed at the last OSCE Security Days on 27 April 2018 will be duly noted by Fund Managers and participating States.

We support the close cooperation of the OSCE field missions with host countries in line with their mandates in consolidating programmatic activities and projects in all three dimensions.

In terms of transparency and avoiding duplication of programmatic activities, we will appreciate that all Fund Managers prepare and regularly update an open-ended list of all projects to be undertaken and funded through the Unified Budget, which should be distributed to the participating States twice a year. The first list of 2018 projects we expect to receive soon. It is important to note that Fund Managers shall provide more detailed information about their Unified Budget project activities if requested by any participating State.

In conclusion, we recognize that finding consensus on priorities of all 57 participating States is not an easy task and compromises will be needed. However, we remain confident that through positive and constructive approach we can make progress. We look forward to discussing each fund in detail in the weeks ahead with a view to offering clear guidance to Fund Managers on our Organization's priorities for 2019.

I thank you.