

**Statement by Ambassador Kairat Sarybay,
the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE**

**In response to the Reports by Ambassador Sergey Kapinos, Head of the
OSCE Center in Bishkek and Dr.Pal Dunay,
Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek**

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Mr.Chairperson,

Kazakhstan delegation warmly welcomes Ambassador Sergey Kapinos and Dr. Pal Dunay to the Permanent Council. Ambassador Kapinos, we thank you for your comprehensive report which demonstrates the important role played by the Centre in Bishkek, in supporting Kyrgyzstan's efforts in implementing OSCE principles and commitments in all three dimensions of security.

Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan have centuries old bonds of brotherhood and close political, economic and cultural ties. Currently, bilateral relations between our countries are developing positively in the spirit of strategic partnership.

We support the political process, which takes place in Kyrgyzstan as well as support course on renewal of the state and economy. We favor constructive cooperation of all political parties civil society organizations in Kyrgyzstan.

Kazakhstan has been actively involved in the de-escalation of the political crisis in Kyrgyzstan in 2010 and the normalization of the situation. At that time we acted not only as the OSCE Chairman, but also as a close and fraternal neighbor. In that year, Kazakhstan contributed as urgent humanitarian aid to Kyrgyzstan in amount of \$ 30 million and in subsequent years assistance was continued.

Therefore, we welcome the report noted the progress made over the last year by Kyrgyzstan in conducting comprehensive reform program. We note the focus of the Centre to further promote the implementation of the program in accordance with the priorities of Kyrgyzstan.

Continuation of the work on the five priority areas [the development of governance and the fight against corruption; human rights and the rule of law; transnational security threats; strengthening community relations and gender equality] - illustrates the right strategy chosen and targeted approach based on the extensive experience and expertise of the OSCE. The same approach was applied to the taking and implementing of Community Security Initiative, which is a valuable contribution to the maintenance of public order and inter-ethnic reconciliation in particularly in southern Kyrgyzstan. This is a successful project that is worthy of every support and further continuation.

Centre has provided an indispensable legal, technical and consulting support for the development and implementation of a package of national policies and programs.

The report focuses on the analysis of the issue of Kyrgyzstan's accession to the Customs Union. Kazakhstan welcomes the fact that the initiative of Kyrgyzstan enjoys broad political support and we hope that the Government expansion of the borders of the Customs Union of Kazakhstan, Belarus and Russia will occur by joining of Kyrgyzstan which will have a positive impact on the development of the Eurasian economic integration as a whole.

The report also points to the positive experience of cooperation with neighboring OSCE field presence in Tajikistan. Kazakhstan fully supports the

expansion of such cooperation among all field missions in Central Asia, as well as the development of a coordination mechanism between them. We also believe that the increase in regional profile of these missions will respond to the urgent needs of interaction and integration of the countries of Central Asia, addressing the many cross-border problems. We think that the OSCE could take a decent niches in the ongoing regional processes and harmoniously connect to regional projects, including those supported by programs such as UN SPECA, UN Center for Preventive Diplomacy, IFAS (International Fund for Saving), CAREC (Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation program). Kazakhstan has always paid great attention to the issue of integrated water resources management in Central Asia, and agree with the opinion that this issue should be considered primarily in terms of conflict prevention.

We share the concern of the Centre on the withdrawal of ISAF troops from Afghanistan factor on the potential growth of extremism and radicalism in Kyrgyzstan. We note the development of the project proposal by Centre about establishing full fledged research center on Afghanistan in the framework of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. [For its part, Kazakhstan will expand its engagement with Afghanistan at bilateral level, as well as Kazakhstan will support the strengthening of existing regional profile comprising multilateral primarily UN structures covering Afghanistan and we believe that city of Almaty could play significant role]

Turning to the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, I would like to congratulate Director Dr.Dunay with his first report to the Permanent Council. As one of the beneficiaries Kazakhstan welcomes the successful completion of another school year with the graduation of master students on Security Policy and the Economic Governance and Development. Currently Academy has 268 graduates and a part of them are from Kazakhstan. We welcome Academy's achievement in increasing the number of students from Afghanistan and plans to invite students from Mongolia.

Dear Ambassador Kapinos and Dr.Dunay, we highly appreciate your work over the past year. Certain directions of your work can be considered innovative and exemplary in the OSCE area.

In conclusion, let me once again thank both of you for your presentations and wish you success in future endeavors.

I thank you.