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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 1173^d meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in response to the statement by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly George Tsereteli
(25 January, 2018)**

Thank you Mr.Chairperson,

Delegation of Kazakhstan warmly welcomes His excellency George Tsereteli to the Permanent Council and thanks him for his first and comprehensive report in his capacity of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

We are delighted to mention that last year we could strengthen our comprehensive and mutually beneficial cooperation with the OSCE PA through holding a number of events in Astana.

Kazakhstan has always been an active participant of OSCE PA sessions. Parliament delegation of Kazakhstan will be engaged in all sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly in Vienna, Berlin and Bishkek this year as well.

I thank Secretary General Roberto Montella for his invitation to address Members of the General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment at the OSCE PA Winter Meeting in my capacity of Chair of the second committee.

We highly value active participation of the OSCE PA Chair of the second Committee Ms. Nilza de Sena in the OSCE Second dimension events. We would appreciate participation of the OSCE PA representatives in the second committee meetings in 2018.

We express our full-fledged support to the “Silk Road support group” conference in Baku, which is very relevant to the priorities of the second dimension this year and it is also in line with my President’s initiative “Great Eurasia” targeted at cooperation development between different integration entities.

Mr.President,

We hope that your two-days visit to Ukraine last week and the insight into the situation will be useful experience in resolving the conflict. We express our full support to the efforts of Parliamentary Assembly through mediation, consideration of humanitarian issues and Ukrainian reform agenda for the sake of peaceful resolution of the conflict in and around Ukraine.

Given that global threat nowadays surpassing national borders and becoming more organized and even more violent, we think the establishment of an ad hoc committee on combating terrorism in the OSCE PA was a timely initiative of Christine Muttonen. We welcome active participation of the Committee, chaired by Mr. Makis Vouridis in discussions of different issues and upcoming visit of the Committee to Central Asia.

As a non-permanent member of UN Security council, we welcome your initiative to discuss the ways of complementing the OSCE and the UN during your upcoming visit to the UN in New York.

In September 2015, at the UN General Assembly, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev put forward several initiatives, such as to establish under UN auspices, the Global Counter-Terrorism Coalition/Network; and to develop and adopt a UN comprehensive document for combating terrorism.

In this regard, taking into account the ad hoc Committee goals and tools, we would like to draw your attention to initial draft of the **Code of Conduct for the terrorism free world** presented for all UN member states by Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov on January 18 in New York.

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.**

At the conference "Religions Against Terrorism" in May 2016 organized by the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, where the Secretary General Roberta Montella participated, the speaker of the Senate Kasym-Zhomart Tokayev stressed that "religious leaders and members of parliament, outstanding and powerful representatives of their peoples should be actively involved in activities to combat extremism".

In full measure realizing the increased role of the religion in the society we note the importance of the forum of world and traditional religions in the capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan - city of Astana. The congress seeks to promote a global dialogue between religions and cultures as well as deepening and strengthening of mutual understanding and respect between religious communities. We believe that abovementioned issue should be interesting for the OSCE PA as well. We invite you to take part in VI Congress of World religions, which will be held on 10-11 October of 2018.

Kazakhstan intends to continue supporting efforts aimed at strengthening the Parliamentary Assembly.

In conclusion, I would like to wish you every success in the future.

I thank you.