



DELEGATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
TO THE OSCE

**Statement by Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna at the 1195th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in response to the report by Head of OSCE Presence in Albania Ambassador Bernd Borchardt
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Thank you Mr.Chairperson,

Delegation of Kazakhstan thanks Head of Presence Ambassador Bernd Borchardt for his comprehensive report to the Permanent Council on activities of the OSCE Presence in Albania.

We welcome the support of field mission in areas essential for Albania to meet OSCE commitments in line with its mandate. We commend close cooperation of Presence with host country in the areas of promoting the rule of law, strengthening human rights institutions, aiding the government's efforts to fight corruption, cannabis cultivation and drug trafficking, fight against trafficking in human beings.

Yesterday, at the informal meeting with you and Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Albania, Madame Romina Kuko we learned about concrete projects implemented by OSCE Presence and work done by albanian authorities. Presence of high level

official from host country and her presentation at the meeting demonstrated important role of the field mission in assisting to achieve Albania's strategic national objectives.

I would like to thank OSCE Presence in Albania for active contribution to the work of Economic and Environmental Committee for last 2 years. In upcoming joint committee meeting of Economic and Environmental Committee and Security Committee on 8 October on "Combating environmental crimes", we will have more opportunity to learn about work of your mission in detail.

Mr.Chairperson,

This year Kazakhstan and Albania celebrate 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Our states do not have any political or other disagreements, which creates favorable prerequisites for more active bilateral cooperation in various fields.

In this regard my capital seriously considering, Albania's bid to chair our organization in 2020.

We are ready to discuss priorities of Albania in 2020 in near future, especially with regard to the Central Asia.

Vision of the Eurasian security community is the core message of the Astana Declaration and should remain in our focus. We highly encourage promoting of synergy between OSCE and such international institutions as CICA, SCO, CSTO, which play a significant role in the development of regional and sub-

regional cooperation in tackling current security challenges. In this regard, I would like to underline importance of cooperation in combating transnational threats, fostering trade, investment, transport, green technology, digitalisation and sustainable connectivity, which is essential not only for Central Asian region, but for entire OSCE area.

Focus on the Eurasian security aspects should be kept since the situation in Afghanistan is also important in ensuring stability and security in the OSCE area. Kazakhstan strongly supports and relevantly contributes to viewing Afghanistan as an important and high-potential partner.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Ambassador Bernd Borchardt for his work and wish him and his team all the success in future activities.

I thank you.