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Statement by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, delivered at the 780th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council, in response to the statement by the Special Envoy of the CiO and Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, H.E. Mr. Dimitris P. Droutsas

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**Madam Chairperson,
Dear colleagues,**

I would like to welcome the Special Envoy of the CiO and Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, H.E. Mr. Dimitris P. Droutsas, and thank him for his comprehensive statement on the strategic perspective and practical work in preparation for the Athens meeting of the Ministerial Council.

Kazakhstan, as the future holder of the OSCE Chairmanship, once again welcomes the efforts of the Greek Chairmanship to promote and invigorate the dialogue on the future of European security in the framework of the Corfu Process, launched this year. We extend our full support to our distinguished Greek colleagues here in Vienna, to the Task Force in Athens and personally to Ambassador Mara Marinaki in their endeavours to lay solid foundations for the work of future Chairmanships.

It is true that the historic Helsinki Meeting was preceded by a huge amount of work. Now we have the Corfu Process, which is the latest landmark in the comparatively modern phase of deliberations on the future of our common security and co-operation.

The fall of the Berlin Wall may be referred to as the first landmark in the same process. And different developments during the last two decades prove that this fall was just the beginning of dismantling, brick by brick, the wall of mistrust in our minds. It is an unavoidable, laborious and goal-oriented exercise that occupies us every day, and which is far from being complete. We have heard excellent statements this morning in this regard during a conference on the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on behalf of prominent European politicians.

We believe that the decision on the Kazakh Chairmanship of the OSCE represented just one more brick, but a very significant one, removed from that wall.

We also believe that the time has come for a meeting at the highest level to give a fresh impetus to substantive negotiations. This stage of the Corfu Process has laid a good foundation for such a step. It should be aimed at the “**Three Rs**” process, as defined by Minister Droutsas: **Reconfirming** our acquis; **Reviewing** the state of play in European security; and **Renovating** our mechanisms to deal with traditional and new challenges.

In conclusion, I would like to add a few very important remarks.

Firstly, we should not be afraid to propose that the leaders of 56 nations deliberate on the most topical and sometimes thorny issues. It is their high mission and mandate not to shirk hard jobs and merely to act as ceremonial figures, signing agreed documents, but rather to serve in a practical way the interests of our nations, which, I believe, should be united by common goals, values and even problems. This practical way may and should include their deep personal involvement in the **Three R** process.

Secondly, the idea of a Summit does not exclude the possibility of having major events in all three dimensions, including the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, which is looked upon by the incoming Kazakh Chairmanship as one of the most important gatherings, not only in the third dimension, but in the context of OSCE’s overall activities and mandate. It is extremely desirable that these events should provide additional input for future decisions by a proposed Summit.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, our best wishes for your personal wellbeing and for the success of the Athens meeting of the Ministerial Council.

Thank you for your attention.