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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to  
the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov  
at the 686<sup>th</sup> Reinforced Permanent Council meeting  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, let me join others in thanking Spanish Chairmanship for organizing the reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council. Delegation of Kazakhstan highly appreciates commendable efforts of the Chairmanship in intensifying deliberations among participating States towards advancing adoption of the important decisions of the Ministerial Council in Madrid.

Kazakhstan is determined to support additional efforts of the participating States to achieve consensus on the presented draft ministerial declaration and draft decisions. We believe that it is necessary to combine our efforts in a constructive and effective way in order to agree upon the draft ministerial declaration. We need this document as a testimony of our commitments to the activities of our Organization and its relevance in tackling all threats and challenges we face. We hope all participating States will do their best in order to attain the much needed compromise solutions.

Kazakhstan fully supports the draft decision on the OSCE engagement with Afghanistan. We are confident that the OSCE has to play its positive role in assisting in post-conflict rehabilitation of that country. In our view the Organization has extensive experience and vast potential which could be used at the borders of the OSCE area and Afghanistan. It is important that planned projects and programmes involving Afghanistan should include activities in combating drug trafficking and proliferation of extremist ideas.

Regarding the issue of the future chairmanships Kazakhstan is determined to pursue its bid for the OSCE Chairmanship for the year 2009. We are ready to discuss mutually acceptable proposals which meet interests and expectations of Kazakhstan, our partners and the Organization. In response to our goodwill to consider constructive proposals we expect a real move forward leading to a consensus decision in Madrid.

Kazakhstan supports strengthening of the legal framework of the OSCE and stands for adoption of the convention on the international legal personality, legal capacity and privileges and immunities of the OSCE. Using this opportunity we would like to commend the work patiently and professionally done by Ambassador Ida van Veldhuizen-Rothenbucher.

Also we would like to express our support to the need of the elaboration of the OSCE Charter. We believe that adoption of the OSCE Charter will strengthen our Organization as a full-fledged international entity, provide it with legal capacity, finalize the process of its own institution-building and bring more clarity to its work.

Let me express our sincere hope that the Ministerial Council in Madrid will be efficient and constructive and wish to the Spanish Chairmanship every success in all steps towards achieving our common goals.

Thank you.