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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan,
Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov
at the 850th Permanent Council meeting
10 February 2011**

Any Other Business

Invitation to Observe Presidential Elections on April 3, 2011

Mr. Chairperson,

Dear colleagues,

In conformity with our OSCE commitments, Kazakhstan wishes to invite observers from the Office for democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, OSCE participating States and Partners for Cooperation to observe the upcoming presidential elections in Kazakhstan that will be held on April 3rd, 2011. The relevant invitation letter of the State Secretary – Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr. Kanat Saudabayev has been circulated as document PC.DEL/123/11 on February 7, 2011.

In the said letter Mr. Saudabayev underlined that (quote) *“Kazakhstan will make every effort to ensure that elections are held in a transparent manner, complying with national legislation and international standards”* (end of quote).

We are thankful to the ODIHR for the quick and prompt response to the above mentioned invitation. We hope that the representatives of the ODIHR and the OSCE PA that will head the observers will possess all necessary qualifications and will demonstrate objectivity and impartiality when evaluating the elections.

Thank you!