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**Statement by Ambassador, Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE
H.E. Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov at the
679th meeting of the Permanent Council**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, I would like to thank distinguished delegations for their statements regarding parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan held on 18th of August.

Using this opportunity, I am pleased to inform the Permanent Council on their results in a greater detail.

Elections to the Lower Chamber of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Majilis – were featured with accuracy of procedures and unprecedented openness in accordance with the OSCE Copenhagen document and democratic principles of the elections. Conditions providing equal political competition of all candidates and their free access to mass media have been legislatively fixed and practically realized.

We believe that the high level of publicity and transparency of the election process has provided free, fair and open expression of the will of the people of my country.

Meeting its OSCE commitments, Kazakhstan provided favorable conditions for the work of the international observers total of 1129 people accredited with the Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan.

The Central Election Commission and the state bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan actively and constructively cooperated with all missions of the international observers, including OSCE/ODIHR mission, Executive Committee of the CIS, and other groups of foreign observers and NGOs. Prior elections Kazakhstan has taken concrete legislative measures on implementation of the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations.

According to voting results over 88 % of voters voted for National Democratic Party “Nur Otan”. Other parties have the following results:

National Social Democratic Party – 4,54 %;

“Ak Zhol” Democratic Party of Kazakhstan - 3,09 %;
Kazakhstan Social and Democratic Party “Auyl” - 1,51%;

Communist People's Party of Kazakhstan - 1,29 %;

Patriot's Party of Kazakhstan -0,78 %;

“Rukhaniyat” Party -0,37 %.

Preliminary conclusions of the international observers' missions indicate recognition of significant progress of our country in practical implementation of the democratic principles of elections and their accordance with current legislation of Kazakhstan.

Reported irregularities were not systematic.

Kazakhstan hopes that the ODIHR/OSCE mission will prepare its final report based on objective criteria in accordance with standards and principles of the Organization.

The Kazakh relevant authorities are going to continue close cooperation with the OSCE/ODIHR and other partners, organizations and states, in order to improve election procedures as well as election legislation and promotion of independent mass media.

Having said that I would like to stress that my country was taking series of measures in deepening democratic reforms and these were real actions, not words.

Full information on the outcomes of the parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan was distributed among delegations on 21st of August in document SEC.DEL/119/07.

Thank you.