

## 1568th Meeting of the Permanent Council

### **Joint Statement by Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States of America in response to the report by the Head of the Program Office in Astana, Ambassador Alexey Rogov**

Mr. Chair,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of following participating States: Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, the United States of America and my own country, Italy.

Ambassador Rogov,

welcome back to the Permanent Council. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the commitment and the work of the Program Office in Astana.

During our visit to Astana on May 18 and 19, we touched firsthand the excellent cooperation established by the office with a wide range of Kazak authorities and partners. Their warm appreciation for the OSCE support in all three dimensions, demonstrates that the office is a concrete asset for Kazakhstan authorities in advancing their reform agenda. The meetings at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense and Interior Affairs, as well as at the Constitutional Court and the Central Electoral Commission, provided unique opportunities for a fruitful and constructive exchange of views on Kazakhstan priorities and OSCE contribution in achieving them.

We congratulate you and your capable team for the results achieved and we confirm our full support to the work of the Program Office in Astana.

Once again, we thank you and the delegation of Kazakhstan for the support in organizing our visit to Astana and please extend our gratitude to your team.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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