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Amb. Kairat Abdrakhmanov
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Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov,

I want to commend your upcoming 15th Anniversary Conference marking the adoption of the Recommendations on Policing in Multi-Ethnic Societies. By using your platform as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities to elevate improvements in policing as critical to the peace and security of minority communities, you are generating momentum for meaningful reform around the world.

I also appreciate the timely and intersecting trends the conference will address, from gender to surveillance technology to racial profiling. In the United States, the issue of police reform has been a top consideration for many Democratic lawmakers, especially in the Congressional Black Caucus, with renewed attention in wake of the 2019 Black Lives Matter protests. We all benefit from the focus and reforms your anniversary conference will encourage and I appreciate your work on this issue.

Furthermore, I was pleased to see that a fellow New Yorker, Ravi Batra, will be speaking on a panel about the representation of national minorities in police services at the conference. I believe he will offer a valuable perspective about both the challenges and progress we have experienced here in the United States.

Sincerely,



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