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**Statement by the delegation of Kazakhstan to the OSCE  
on the Award of the OSCE Medal to H.E. Marc Perrin de Brichambaut  
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**Thank you Mr. Chairperson,  
Dear colleagues, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,**

I would like to join kind words of appreciation to our former Secretary General, Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, who accomplished his noble mission in the OSCE earlier this year.

There is a saying: reward will find its hero. It goes without saying that this reward is equal to merit. Outstanding service of Ambassador Brichambaut as the OSCE Secretary General, sincere dedication and belief in the OSCE, his persistence in fulfilling the task of building an indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community were core in the Organization's activities under his leadership.

We always say that we are very grateful for his constant assistance rendered to us before, throughout and after the Kazakhstan Chairmanship and especially his unconditional support to the idea of conducting a first OSCE summit in 11 staggering years.

On this note allow me to congratulate Ambassador Brichambaut with the reward and wish him and his family health and prosperity, every success in opening new horizons.

**Thank you Mr. Chairperson**