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Statement

by the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan, Ambassador Nuriddin Shamsov at the 899th Plenary Permanent Council Meeting (Vienna, 26 January 2012)

> Fifth High-Level Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (Dushanbe, March 26-27, 2012)

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to inform the OSCE and its Delegations that the Government of Tajikistan will host Fifth High-Level Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA V), which will take place in Dushanbe on March 26-27, 2012. The Conference will be inaugurated by the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mr. Hamid Karzai and the Tajik President Mr. Emomali Rahmon. It is expected that Delegations from over than 70 countries, high-ranking governmental officials in charge of economic affairs and regional cooperation, as well representatives of regional and international multilateral organizations will participate in the event.

This important conference co-chaired by the Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan and Tajikistan, will discuss the ways and means of regional economic cooperation, aiming at furthering economic integration, stability, and prosperity in Afghanistan, and in the region and beyond.

The Agenda of the Conference is to focus on the following three main topics:

1) Economic Development through Building Infrastructure (transport and

energy); 2) Human Resources Development through promoting vocational education and training; and 3) Promotion the Investment, Trade, Transit, and Border Management through closer cooperation/coordination among national and international authorities.

Preceding the Conference, RECCA's Business Forum and Exhibition will be organized with a broad participation of private companies and investors. At the sideline of the Conference the Regional Scientific Symposium will meet to discuss important topic under the title "Afghanistan and the Prospective of Future Regional Economic Cooperation."

Organizers invite the OSCE and its participating States to take part in this important international gathering and to contribute to the deliberations.

I Thank you Mr. Chairman