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TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT

**by the Head of Delegation of Tajikistan, Ambassador Ambassador
Nuriddin Shamsov at the 822nd OSCE Permanent Council Meeting
(Vienna, 10 July, 2010)**

*on the Report of the Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan,
Ambassador Ivar Vikki*

Mr. Chairman,

We warmly welcome Ambassador Ivar Vikki, Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan in Permanent Council Meeting and thank him for detailed report on the Office's activity since May 2009. Delegation of Tajikistan notes the major efforts has been made by the Office to assist Government of Tajikistan to meet its tasks with regard to all three dimensions, as well as addressing cross-dimensional issues.

This year Fourth Annual the OSCE-Tajikistan Task Force Meeting brought together around 80 representatives from state institutions, OSCE officials, and civil society at the OSCE Office in Tajikistan. The Task-Force identified the mainstream strategic objectives in addressing the needs and priorities of the host country.

During his meeting with the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Kazakhstan's State Secretary and Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev stressed the importance of Tajikistan as a key partner for the OSCE in the region. He underlined a major role of Tajikistan in promoting stability in Central Asia and its contribution to the security of the whole OSCE region, including Afghanistan.

With regard to political – military dimension we underline the effective cooperation between the Office and the Government on counterterrorism, border management, demining, police related issues and continuation of SALW programmes. Currently, Tajikistan hosts the OSCE Border Management Staff College which trains senior officers from OSCE countries and Afghanistan border security agencies with particular focus on introducing new skills and working methods. A new National Border Strategy adopted by the Government of Tajikistan will provide an effective background for further enhancement of border security policy and border management to address increasing threat of terrorism and drug trafficking stemming from Afghanistan. Taking note great concern of Tajikistan over threatening mine situation within Country and on its borders, we envisage further involvement of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan in mine action issues and promotion establishment of the OSCE Regional Coordinating Demining Council in Dushanbe this year.

With regard to economic and environmental dimension, we support the Office activity in the field of water–management, transport and transit facilitation, attraction of investment in water and alternative energy, free economic zones infrastructure and agricultural sector. We anticipate further greater role of the Office in promotion of regional dialogue on transboundary water resources, cross-border road and railway facilitation in Central-Asia, freedom of movement, financial crisis mitigation, radio-active waste management in the north of Tajikistan, as well as addressing environmental disasters and migration management.

Tajikistan remains opened for further dialogue with the OSCE in the field of human rights and freedoms, enhancement of national election legislation, as well as promotion of democratization, civil society, free media and gender. On 25th May, 2010 Government of Tajikistan hosted the 12th OSCE Annual Central Asia Media Conference in Dushanbe which attended by representatives of governments and civil society from all five Central Asian countries and Afghanistan. This event provided discussions on media developments and challenges in the region with special focus on issues related to access to information, including the Internet.

We reiterate our regret to the lack of ODIHR's impartial assessment of final results of last Tajik Parliamentarian Elections held on February 2010, and note

that it has been conducted in freest, most transparent and open atmosphere since independence of Tajikistan.

We invite the Office to support National Ombudsman activity, as well as to avoid duplication of projects and programmes being implemented by other actors, in particular in the field of human rights awareness rising in schools and educational institutions.

In conclusion, we take note the readiness of the OSCE Office to support Tajikistan in tackling its needs through all three dimensions and anticipate furthermore substantive and effective cooperation between the OSCE Office in Tajikistan and Tajik Government in 2010.

My Delegation thanks once again Ambassador Vikki for his tireless efforts and wishes him every success in his future endeavor.

Thank you Chairman,