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Statement

**by the Head of Delegation of Tajikistan Ambassador Nuriddin Shamsov at
the 808th OSCE Permanent Council Meeting
(Vienna, 6 May 2010)**

*In response to the address by
the OIC Secretary-General, H.E.
Prof. Ekmeliddin Ihsanoglu*

Chairperson,

Delegation of Tajikistan warmly welcomes the OIC Secretary-General, H.E. Prof. Ekmeliddin Ihsanoglu at the OSCE Permanent Council Meeting and wishes him every success in his endeavor.

We stress the major contribution of Organization of Islamic Conference to peace, cooperation and strengthening of solidarity in Islamic World. Consistent with its tradition of vocation for dialogue with member-countries the OIC has always played a highly visible role in this context. The OIC is a significant role player through its active participation in confidence building and conflict related to The Islamic World.

Excellency, on 18th May 2010 Tajikistan will host 37th Session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Dushanbe and get first, in the history of organization, Central Asian country, receiving chairmanship of such respected organization. We appreciate the Secretary General for continued support to Tajikistan and for growing cooperation in various fields.

My Delegation anticipates incoming strengthening cooperation between the OSCE and OIC in wide-range scope of activity of both organizations, including terrorism and extremism, security and stability, confidence building and conflict resolution, tolerance and non-discrimination. We share a view that terrorism has no religion, race, ethnic origin, nationality or a geographic region and reject all attempts to associate terrorists with any religion, in particular Islam.

Tajikistan reiterates that sustainable development should be the priority of all member-countries through implementation of all internationally agreed development goals and objectives at all levels, including the efforts made by all

development partners for mobilizing resources and implementing programs and projects under auspices of OIC.

We recognize the critical role of OIC in support the national reforms in the economic, social and cultural areas and improvement of cooperation between member-countries. Natural recourses must not be a source of conflict in the region but rather a source of mutual cooperation and dialogue among countries.

Enhancing development in the Member States, in particular in Central Asia, including Afghanistan in the context of implementation of inter-state projects, for developing and land-locked countries, such as road and railway trans-boundary transport corridors is very pivotal.

We note the OIC initiative in promotion of dialogue among civilizations at the global scene since 1998. To this end, further strengthening cooperation between the OSCE and OIC toward adoption relevant strategies and action programmes would effectively address the concerns that exist in the Europe and Muslim World.

We share concerns of the use of Islamophobia as an instrument to gain political, electoral and other advantages elsewhere.

With regard to Afghanistan my Delegation encourages OIC in line with promotion of the Islamic solidarity, to support facilitated regional cooperation towards security, stability and economic restoration in Afghanistan. We reiterate that military action does not present only the way to reach solution of afghan problem. Tajikistan envisages the continuation of OIC contribution to the socio-economic development and reconstruction of Afghanistan, involvement of potential and recourses of neighboring member-countries, including Tajikistan, in this process.

In conclusion, we reiterate the readiness of Tajikistan to ensure incoming successfully chairmanship of the OIC as well as promotion further effective collaboration between both organizations.

Thank you Chairperson,