



**PERMANENT MISSION
OF TURKEY TO THE OSCE**

**SPEAKING NOTES OF AMBASSADOR NACİ SARIBAŞ
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- We join others in thanking Kazakh Chairmanship for organizing this Special Permanent Council meeting on such an important topic.
- It is our sincere hope that our discussions today on the Summit, to be followed by further exchange of views at the joint FSC/PC meeting on the Interim Report on 5th July will enable us to present a clear picture to our respective authorities.
- Throughout the Corfu Process, my delegation has repeatedly emphasized the necessity to define realistic goals in order to achieve concrete progress which will be finalized by a Summit in Astana. Our opinion is, the less ambitious, selective, perfectionist we proceed, the more deliverables we get at the outcome of this exercise.
- On the other hand, it is an undeniable fact that the OSCE has gained an important momentum and to a larger extent understanding for strengthening itself with a view to better confronting contemporary security challenges.
- It is true that this momentum did not deliver yet desired results, since Athens Ministerial Meeting. However, it is equally true that 56

participating States have examined a wide spectrum of issues in great scrutiny and with sincerity.

- In this respect, we would like to invite all participating States to ponder carefully the sustainability of this momentum in the absence of a Summit.
- Furthermore, in our view, an understanding is emerging in certain areas for their consideration at the highest level. These areas can be cited, among others,
 - Reaffirming the determination to address protracted conflicts
 - More effective mechanisms in responding transnational threats
 - Focus on Afghanistan
 - An updated Vienna Document
 - Reconfirmation of the need to fully implement the OSCE norms, principles and commitments
 - Increasing the analytical capacities of OSCE executive structures.
- As I have mentioned before, we noted the proposal for an “Action Plan” which is also referred to at the Chairs Perception Paper. In order to have a position on this request, we are open to consultations.
- We have also taken note of the Russian proposal for a declaration.
- As from the beginning, the support and cooperation we have extended to the Kazakh Chairmanship will continue as we move ahead.
- Mr Chairman, let me conclude by reiterating the strong support of the Turkish Government for a Summit in Astana.