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It is a great pleasure for me to welcome participants of the 24th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum. I would like to express gratitude to OSCE and host country for warm welcome!

Kazakhstan appreciates the German chairmanship for skilful OSCE governance during this quite challenging period of time and wishes every success to our Austrian colleagues in the forthcoming year.

Kazakhstan attaches special importance to the development of advanced technologies and innovations for economy and sustainable development, energy efficiency and green research.

Successful economic cooperation and healthy environment guarantee world development without conflicts. In this context, the OSCE can facilitate better compatibility of regional economic and environmental integration processes in order to create a common secure space from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

In this regard, I would like to recall the outcomes of the OSCE Summit held in Astana in 2010 where it was stated that “security of each member state is inextricably linked with security of all the others”. Indivisibility of security is the “spirit of Astana” that paved the way to common Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community.

Along with the international community, our state is actively supporting integration of green economy. The Concept on Transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Green Economy was approved and the Strategy of Sustainable Energy of Future Kazakhstan till 2050 was adopted according to which it is planned to increase the state renewable energy capacity up to 50% by 2050. Significant investment is provided to electric power sector – 50 bln USD by 2030 and about 100 bln USD by 2050.

Based on the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev, Global Energy and Ecological Strategy of Sustainable Development for the 21st century was put forward in 2007 and Green Bridge Partnership Program in 2012 that represents an instrument of country’s transition to green economy. The abovementioned proposals gained broad support during the UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 in 2012 and were included to its outcome document named “The Future We Want”.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As you know, our state is honoured to host a renowned exhibition EXPO 2017 with a relevant theme Future Energy.

The Exhibition is to be held in Central Asia and CIS for the first time, it will present breakthrough innovational and promising projects in the sphere of alternative and renewable energy (hydro and geothermal energy, wind and solar power).

We expect over 100 states, 17 international organizations and 5 mln visits to the Exhibition.

It should be noted that together with the Austrian chairmanship we work on organization of the Second Preparatory Meeting of the next Economic and Environmental Forum held in Astana in June next year within the EXPO Exhibition.

We believe that participation of states and organizations in our EXPO Future Energy will contribute to addressing the most pressing energy challenges that directly influence many important aspects of life on our Planet including global warming and climate change, fair opportunities for economic development of all nations, energy security and distribution of resources, access to water, protection of biodiversity, promotion of justice in the world etc.

It is quite logical to follow the policy aimed at transiting to green economy by the initiative of the President of Kazakhstan to open an International Center on Development of Green Technologies and Investment Projects under the UN aegis based on the infrastructure of EXPO 2017.

In addition, after completion EXPO 2017 will serve as a ground to establish the Astana International Financial Center with a special status that will operate based on the British law following the example of the Dubai International Financial Centre. The AIFC is aimed at serving as the financial infrastructure heart of Kazakhstan and further on as a financial hub for the whole Central Asian region. In general, EXPO opens wide opportunities for all of us.

Let me show a little video about our EXPO (video played).

Availing myself of the opportunity, I would like to invite all of you to take part in the Second Preparatory Meeting of the 25th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum to be held in June next year in Astana on the margins of EXPO 2017.

Thank you for your attention!