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## Kazakhstan: lessons learnt from the January 2022 events

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

The peaceful protests which began on 2 January 2022 in Kazakhstan were hijacked by armed criminal groups who tried to destabilise the situation in the country. There are indications that it was an attempt of a *coup d'état*.

We welcome the decision by the Kazakh authorities to investigate the violence and unrest that led to the deaths of at least 238 people and thousands of arrests, and reports of torture and mistreatment.

The Coalition of NGOs of Kazakhstan Against Torture confirms that people have been tortured by the police. More than 3 600 criminal cases are under investigation.

We welcome the statement of President Tokayev that “all the information will be made available; we will not conceal anything” and that the results of the preliminary investigation into the January events will be disclosed.

The Kazakh Government has an opportunity to endorse the creation of such a hybrid investigation, for instance by seeking support from the Council Europe.

The government should take the present opportunity to keep in line with the values and principles of the Parliamentary Assembly.

We therefore call to continue Kazakhstan’s political reform program, which will be presented in the middle of March.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



*Signed*<sup>1</sup>:

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