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## **Kazakhstan's progress on human rights, democracy and co-operation with the Council of Europe**

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Agreement on co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, we commend the substantial progress made in democratic and political reforms as an integral part of building a just and fair Kazakhstan.

We acknowledge the efforts of the parliament of Kazakhstan in successfully implementing the provisions of the above-mentioned Agreement. In this context, we welcome the decision by Kazakh authorities to abolish the death penalty by the Constitution of Kazakhstan.

We take note with satisfaction of the robust co-operation between Kazakhstan and the institutions of the Council of Europe. We consider Kazakhstan as a key partner in the region and welcome the adoption by the Committee of the Ministers of the Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities with Kazakhstan for the period 2024-2027.

We encourage Kazakhstan to adhere to the principles of inclusivity and equality for all, which correlate with the values of the Council of Europe.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



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

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SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group  
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