



## Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

The Secretary General

Vienna, 25 February 2015

Your Excellency, Mr. President,

I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan. This celebration takes place at an important and challenging time, when peaceful dialogue and tolerance between world religions and nations has become more relevant than ever.

I agree that we can address increasing global threats and extremism only on the basis of strong inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue. The Assembly of People of Kazakhstan serves as a model for international organizations, universities, and governments to learn about inter-cultural dialogue and mutual efforts to preserve and enrich cultural exchange. In this regard, the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions remains an important platform for peaceful exchange and dialogue. We look forward to the Fifth Congress this year in Astana.

As the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan celebrates 20 years, I pay tribute to the constructive co-operation between the OSCE and your country since 1992, formally established with this year's new OSCE mandate. Allow me to renew the OSCE's readiness to continue our work together in an effort to achieve the ambitious goals we have set. I wish you and the people of Kazakhstan all the best during this celebratory time.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lamberto Zannier', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lamberto Zannier

**H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev**  
**President of the Republic of Kazakhstan**