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Concluding remarks

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Fellow parliamentarians,

Dear colleagues,

Before we close this 2018 Autumn Meeting, let me give the floor to the Head of the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Isa Omurkulov.

On behalf of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, I would like to once again extend our deepest gratitude to the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan to the OSCE PA and the Jogorku Kenesh for the excellent organization of this Autumn Meeting.

Let us all give them a warm round of applause.

And thank you, dear colleagues, for travelling to Kyrgyzstan and for actively participating in all our discussions.

After three days of learning from each other and debating the way forward for the OSCE region, we know this conference has been fruitful.

We have heard a wide range of views from experts, parliamentarians, OSCE officials and high-level representatives of this wonderful country.

We have analyzed how confidence-building and regional co-operation can help us counter new challenges and threats in border areas, such as trafficking in human beings along migration routes, tackling the trafficking of illicit drugs, or preventing the spread of terrorism.

We have discussed how the Mediterranean and Central Asia can learn from each other to address migration, trade, and environmental challenges.

We have reiterated the importance of engaging our citizens to provide a comprehensive answer to all these challenges.

Dear colleagues,

As I mentioned at our opening ceremony, action is dearly needed to make the results of our discussions most meaningful.

As we return to our national parliaments, we must turn these ideas into concrete plans.

We must carry on holding our governments accountable, and pushing them to live up to their commitments.

With a deterioration of trust across the OSCE area, we parliamentarians have this crucial role to play to encourage dialogue.

Dear friends,

Let me thank one last time our Kyrgyz hosts and to all who have contributed to our Autumn Meeting.

A special thank you goes out the staff behind the scenes, the volunteers who have been so helpful, our friends in the International Secretariat, and of course, the interpreters who have done such an excellent job.

I look forward to seeing you at this evening's reception and seeing you all again in Vienna for our Winter Meeting.

The Autumn Meeting is closed.