



## United States Mission to the OSCE

### Statement on Sergey Duvanov Case

As delivered by Deputy Representative Douglas Davidson  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The United States too is deeply disappointed with the failure of Kazakhstan's Supreme Court to address problems with due process at the trial of Sergey Duvanov.

The Supreme Court's decision to reject Mr. Duvanov's appeal is a setback for the development of a Kazakh judicial system that provides the necessary safeguard for the rights of a defendant at trial.

Moreover, the failure to examine due process claims is at odds with Kazakhstan's commitment to OSCE principles, particularly since the report commissioned by the CiO concluded that the trial was characterized by procedural violations.

Mr. Chairman, the United States would like to hear how Kazakhstan intends to address this problem, and what solutions could be offered as a legal remedy in the Duvanov case, where the courts so clearly fell short of protecting criminal procedural due process.

Thank you.