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**Closing Statement
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Dear Chairman,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Kazakhstan delegation we would like to express our gratitude to the PRC Government and the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Government, and, of course, to the Asian Development Bank for the excellent organization of the Conference and their warm and generous hospitality.

During the Conference, our countries confirmed once again our mutual vision of the various economy sectors development through cooperation.

Only by joint efforts shall we achieve reduction of formal and informal barriers in all areas of our cooperation which will undoubtedly result in ensuring sustainable economic growth, improving the living standards and achieving progress in every country.

The Republic of Kazakhstan, being the EurAsEC and the SCO member, welcomes the CAREC integration initiative with those institutions.

The Urumqi Declaration to be adopted today clearly sets out strategic directions (milestones) for further CAREC Program activities.

Expanding the CAREC Program in the future to cover environmental, human development, agricultural and tourism issues would result in our countries' capacity building and ensure mutually beneficial cooperation.

I would like to express the wish that every CAREC sector committee transfer from declaring a program style of work to the actual implementation of the mutually beneficial arrangements that have been laid down.

In conclusion I would like to wish the participants of the 5th Ministerial Conference peace, well-being and success in all their initiatives.

Thank you for your attention.

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