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The Finnish Institute of International Affairs and The Finnish Committee for European Security (STETE) have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar:

KAZAKHSTAN'S SCORECARD

– DID KAZAKHSTAN'S CHAIRMANSHIP STRENGTHEN OR WEAKEN THE OSCE?

Tuesday 10 May 2011, 09:30–11:30
The Finnish Institute of International Affairs,
Kruunuvuorenkatu 4, 2nd Floor, Helsinki

Kazakhstan was the first Asian, post-Soviet and non-democratic country to serve as chairman of the OSCE. This seminar evaluates the achievements and failures of the Kazakh chairmanship in 2010. On the one hand, Kazakhstan managed to organise an OSCE summit for the first time in 11 years. On the other hand, participation of NGOs in summit-related events was restricted, and local human rights activists continued to be harassed. Did Kazakhstan's chairmanship strengthen the OSCE or make it weaker as an organization?

Opening remarks: **STETE**

Speakers:



Dr. Kimmo Kiljunen, Special Representative of the chairman of OSCE PA for Central Asia

Dr Kiljunen has made a long career as an MP in the Finnish Parliament and is currently the Special Representative for Central Asia of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE. Dr Kiljunen has been OSCE CiO's Special Envoy on election-related issues since 2008. Dr Kiljunen is also coordinating the research commission exploring the 2010 occurrences of violence in Kyrgyzstan.



Mr. Timo Kantola, Ambassador, Finland's Permanent Representative to the OSCE

Mr Kantola has served as Head of the Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE in Vienna, Austria since July 2010. He entered the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1988 and has previously worked as Director of the Unit for Security Policy and Crisis Management at the Political Department. His previous posts include Finland's EU Representation in Brussels and Finland's Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.



Mr. Olof Kleberg, journalist

Olof Kleberg is a Swedish freelance journalist and vice president of the Swedish OSCE network. Kleberg has worked as an editorial writer in Dagens Nyheter and as an editor in chief in Västerbottens Kuriren (1986–2001). Kleberg follows actively the work of OSCE and has participated in different civil society forums organised by the OSCE, including in Astana 2010.

Chair: **Dr. Sinikukka Saari**, researcher, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Coffee will be served before the seminar, starting at 09.00. Please confirm your participation at the latest on Monday 9 May 2011 through the link below:

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