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**Letter dated 4 November 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to attach the text of the press release on the assignment of “compliant country” status to the Republic of Kazakhstan in accordance with the final conclusion of the International Board of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, adopted on 17 October 2013 in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 17 (d).

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**Annex to the letter dated 4 November 2013 from the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to  
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Press release on the assignment of Extractive Industries  
Transparency Initiative compliant country status to the Republic  
of Kazakhstan**

The International Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, which met in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 17 October 2013, considered Kazakhstan's compliance with the standards established by the Initiative, concluding a process begun by the International Secretariat and Board on 15 August 2013.

The International Board took the decision to designate Kazakhstan a "compliant country", in recognition of the extremely successful outcome of its efforts to put the Initiative into practice.

Kazakhstan had made its original commitment to introduce the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative standards in 2005. The purpose of the standards is to achieve transparency in connection with the income which companies and Governments derive from extractive industries. Compliance with the Initiative is a highly valued mark of international and political standing, and of determination to combat corruption.

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