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### Meeting of Dr. Zefi Dimadama, ICBSS Director General with H.E. the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Alexei Volkov

On Thursday 14 July 2016, **Dr. Zefi Dimadama, ICBSS Director General**, paid an official visit to the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Athens, in order to have a meeting with **H.E. Ambassador Mr. Alexei Volkov**.

During the discussion, Dr. Dimadama and Amb. Volkov exchanged views for further enhancing the collaboration in fields of common interest, between the ICBSS and the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Hellenic Republic, such as by organizing joint events.

Moreover, Amb. Volkov informed Dr. Dimadama about the forthcoming 2017 EXPO to be held in Astana and highlighted the significance of a continuous collaboration between the two parties. Besides, Dr. Dimadama stressed her interest to all information given by Amb. Volkov and she proposed ways of cooperation in the field of education, energy and environment.

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