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## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE OSCE

## 17th Anniversary of the National Independence of Tajikistan

## Press release

On September 9th, 2008 Tajikistan marks 17th anniversary of its National Independence which allowed to secure stable peace and created basic conditions for further sustainable development of the country.

The historical significance of that achievement is that it could provide the ancient Tajik Nation led by H.E. President Emomali Rahmon who took the responsibility of statehood building, to rehabilitate governmental bodies, restore law-enforcement structures, establish national army and secure national borders, provide a strong background for national reconciliation which is indeed unique experience in the modern history of peacekeeping and the World nations.

Today Tajikistan has been already outlined its internal and foreign policy and continues to make solid steps towards strengthening the national identity and stability, ensuring the national interests with respect to the internationally recognized norms, standards and law. The Government of Tajikistan is confident that the implementation of great number of national projects aimed at further increasing of Country's economic potential and welfare should be done in short-term period. Among significant strategic targets and priorities are the hydro-energy, food and transport independence, ensuring stable economic and social progress, democratization of the society, human rights and freedoms.

This year Tajikistan and the entire Persian-speaking part of the World celebrate 1150 anniversary of Abu Abdullah Rudaki's birth who is recognized as founder of Tajik-Persian literature and "Adam of Persian Poetry". Also there is strong belief that this historical event will contribute to Tajikistan national integrity and fostering of the self-consciousness.

Both Tajikistan and the OSCE started collaboration since 1993. The OSCE presence in Tajikistan is the Organization's longest-running operation in Central Asia. Security issues, border management, economic and environmental concerns will constitute the future of joint Tajikistan-OSCE effective cooperation.