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## **PRESS – RELEASE**

### **The commencement of International Nawruz-2012 Conference**

On 25 March, 2012 the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Emomali Rahmon, the Presidents of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and other high-ranking guests attended the opening of the International Nawruz-2012 Conference, which took place in Kokhi Somon Palace in Dushanbe. The President Mr. Emomali Rahmon met the high-ranking guests – the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mr. Hamid Karzai, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr. Mahmud Ahmadinejad and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Asif Ali Zardari and invited them to Nawruz exhibition. The high-ranking representatives from more than 40 countries, including European Union and 35 international and regional organizations have arrived in Dushanbe for participation in International Nawruz-2012 celebration events.

The Head of Tajik state Mr. Emomali Rahmon and the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mr. Hamid Karzai, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr. Mahmud Ahmadinejad and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Asif Ali Zardari spoke at the Conference and congratulated the nations of all countries celebrating Nawruz with this world-famous holiday. On the official proposal of the President of Turkmenistan it was decided to celebrate next year's International Nawruz-2013 festival in the capital of this country Ashgabat.

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