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Tajikistan: 18th Anniversary of Independence

The State Independence achieved by Tajikistan on September 9, 1991 is the logic outcome of mainstream efforts made by Tajik Nation since long historical period. Today the strengthening of independence and national statehood, maintenance of security and stability and creation of favorable socio-economic conditions for further sustainable development are on the focus of programmatic activity of young Tajik Government.

Conducting of genuine internal and external policy aimed at further protection of national interests, diversification of economic development, management of national recourses, promotion of democratic values and civil society, protection of human rights and freedoms, rule of law alongside with ensuring of public governance and cultural traditions serve basic pillars for national strategy development during upcoming years. Tajikistan is committed to strengthen pragmatic mutually beneficial economic-trade relationship with friendly and neighboring countries throughout in East and West as well as to respect internationally recognized legal norms and standards.

Implementation of National Development Strategy for the period to 2015 and Poverty Alleviation Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2007-2009 enable Tajikistan to foster economic growth, successfully realize economic reforms and improve living standards. Targeting at further enhancement of national legislation on property rights protection, Government of Tajikistan has adopted in 2009 the "Law on citizens and juridical persons amnesty from legalization of property".

Energy, communication and food independence remain strategic objectives should be achieved through implementation of ambitious state projects and programmes on large dams and medium HPPs, construction of high-power electricity transmission lines connecting Tajikistan with Afghanistan and Pakistan, tunnels, regional highways, bridges and food- processing facilities.

Taking note climate change and serious aftermath of incoming global environment crisis Tajikistan calls international community upon immediate addressing of water problems and taking an effective steps at the global and regional level. As author of two UNGA important water-related resolutions- the Declaration on the International Year of Freshwater (2003) and the International Decade for Action «Water for Life» (2005-2015), Tajikistan stands for soonest implementation of Decade's goals. In June 2010 Government of Tajikistan will organize in Dushanbe International Water Forum to review progress on achievements as well as elaborate proposals for successful implementation of tasks during second half of the Decade. Tajikistan initiated announcement of 2012 as the International Year of Water Diplomacy which needs wide regional and global support in the framework of UN also.

Tajikistan continues build-up of national statehood and makes efforts to increase achievements under this historical chance. Concept of independence, freedom, national unity, peace and territorial integrity have become recognized national idea guiding Tajik Nation toward prosperity and further integration in globalized World.

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