



## Statement

by the Head of Delegation of Tajikistan to the OSCE Ambassador  
**Nuriddin Shamsov at the 815 Permanent Council Meeting**  
(Vienna, 17 June, 2010)

*on Dushanbe High-Level Water Conference*

**Mr. Chairperson,**

On 8-10 June, 2010 the High-level International Conference (HLIC) on the mid-term comprehensive review of implementation of the International Decade for Action 'Water for life' 2005-2015 has been conducted in Dushanbe.

The Conference has been organized by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the United Nations and endorsed implementation of the UNGA Resolution 64/198 adopted on December 2009.

Delegations from 80 UN member-states, Head of Governments, Ministers, representatives of 20 UN institutions, 70 other international, regional and nongovernmental organizations, including the OSCE, as well as outstanding politicians and international experts totally 500 guests from all around the World have took part in this global event.

Addressing high level participants President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon has underlined that "global climate change and its aftermath in course of the past decades have increasingly redoubled the pressure on water resources and placed water as a major component of international cooperation and peace. Tajikistan as the initiator of the International Decade for Action "Water for Life 2005-2015", suggests the second half of the decade should be devoted to the implementation of specific measures at international and regional level to ensure the most vulnerable and poorest segments of the population with safe drinking water and basic sanitation."

The Conference focused on reviewing progress achieved during the first five years of the Decade. It discussed further steps to be taken toward the

implementation of MDG, including involvement of women, transboundary water cooperation, water quality, adaptation to climate change, disaster reduction and integrated water resources management by the end of the Decade, 2015.

During the Conference two plenary sessions have been organized followed by six round tables, two special sessions and three side events which highlighted various aspects of water related issues. High- Level Conference has adopted Final Dushanbe Declaration reflected the progress achieved in the first half of the Decade and incorporated recommendations and proposals to further strengthening efforts during the second half of the Decade. Government of Tajikistan will submit Dushanbe Water Declaration to upcoming 65<sup>th</sup> UNGA for endorsement. Full text of the Declaration and other relevant documents have been circulated earlier to all the OSCE Delegations and Institutions through Conference Service.

**I thank you Chairperson,**