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PREVENTION OF THE VIOLENT DISINTEGRATION
OF STATES
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION
INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Letter dated 22 July 1998 from the Permanent Representatives
of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Declaration on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan, signed by Mr. Askar Akayev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, on 6 May 1998 at Bishkek.

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We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly under agenda items 20, 33, 45, 65, 96 and 105.

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ANNEX

Joint Declaration on the development and further strengthening
of cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of
Tajikistan

The Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan,

Relying on the historical ties between the two fraternal peoples and expressing their joint desire to elevate Kyrgyz-Tajik relations to a qualitatively new level,

Convinced that the strengthening of their traditional relations of friendship and good neighbourliness correspond to the fundamental interests of the two States and peoples,

Confirming the importance of the development of inter-State relations on the basis of the principles of sovereign equality,

Taking into account the constant aspiration of the two peoples to build democratic, law-based and secular States,

Stressing the importance of active participation in the economic integration process in Central Asia within the framework of the Treaty on the establishment of a single economic space in order to ensure the stable economic development of the Central Asian States,

Wishing to facilitate the further intensification of the process of establishing lasting peace, inter-ethnic harmony and stability in the Republic of Tajikistan,

Recognizing and observing the universally recognized norms of international law, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and other documents,

Declare that:

They confirm their firm commitment to the development of the provisions laid down in the Treaty on the foundations of inter-State relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan, of 12 July 1996,

They shall continue to develop bilateral relations actively and to maintain regular political dialogue and consultations at various levels on issues of joint interest,

They intend to continue work on the legal designation of the State border,

The future expansion and improvement of the work of the Kyrgyz-Tajik intergovernmental commission on the comprehensive review of bilateral issues is an important mechanism for the development and intensification of mutually advantageous bilateral cooperation,

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They attach great economic, social and environmental importance to the water and energy resources of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan, and confirm their readiness for constructive cooperation and coordinated activities in the rational utilization and protection of water and energy resources without prejudice to the national interests of both States,

They shall establish the necessary conditions for the further progressive development and intensification of bilateral economic cooperation in such promising areas as hydroelectric power, the mining industry, transit and transportation, agriculture and the processing of agricultural products, coordination in respect of industrial and financial cooperation, and also the use and protection of natural resources,

They shall consistently develop bilateral and regional cooperation, fulfil the obligations recognized under bilateral and multilateral agreements, and contribute to the strengthening of peace, security and socio-economic progress in Central Asia,

With the signing of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord, the peace process in Tajikistan, despite the difficulties, is becoming stable and is making positive progress towards peace and national harmony.

The Kyrgyz Republic once again confirms its continued intention to provide support to the peace process in the Republic of Tajikistan and welcomes the desire of the Republic of Tajikistan to build a democratic, law-based and secular State,

They attach great importance to the need to develop cooperation in border districts as an important component of the problem of ensuring regional security and stability, and shall also promote practical cooperation among local authorities, law-enforcement bodies and non-governmental organizations in combating the illicit spread of narcotics and psychotropic substances, terrorism and organized crime,

Confirming their course of cooperation on vital issues of international and regional policy, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan have come out in favour of close cooperation in the United Nations, OSCE and other international organizations,

Assessing the situation in Afghanistan, they have noted the need for the further intensification of international efforts for a political settlement under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Republic of Tajikistan has once again expressed support for the initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic to convene a peace conference on Afghanistan in Bishkek,

They shall promote the development of inter-parliamentary ties, cooperation and the exchange of information in the area of legislative activity, and the formation and functioning of democratic bodies.

The active development of multilateral cooperation between the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States will contribute to the improvement of cooperation in establishing a common economic space,

They recognize the need to strengthen the atmosphere of trust and mutual understanding between the peoples of Central Asia and oppose any manifestations of ethnic intolerance, political and religious extremism, or interference in each other's internal affairs.

They shall take measures to intensify cultural and humanitarian cooperation and shall promote the expansion of contacts between nationals of the two States and the establishment of the necessary conditions for the security and all-round development of education and the national culture of the Kyrgyz and Tajik diasporas in the territories of their States.

To these ends the heads of State intend to instruct the Governments of their States to draw up a long-term programme of exchanges in the area of culture, science and education.

The heads of State stress that cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan are based on a solid, friendly foundation, and declare their desire to develop and intensify bilateral relations in the interests of the peoples of both States.

Done at Bishkek on 6 May 1998.

For the Kyrgyz Republic:

[Signed]

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Kyrgyz Republic

For the Republic of Tajikistan:

[Signed]

Emomali RAKHMONOV
President of the
Republic of Tajikistan
