

**Statement of the Kyrgyz Republic Delegation
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Mr. President!

I congratulate you on your election to this post, as well as the entire Bureau members!

Let me also congratulate the State of Samoa with the adoption as a new member of the Organization, along with 13 new IOM observers. Welcome to the big IOM family!

Cooperation with IOM is one of the foreign policy priorities of the Kyrgyz Republic. Kyrgyzstan participates in the work of IOM since 1993. In 2000, our country became a full member of the Organization.

Kyrgyzstan has enjoyed active and diverse interaction with IOM. The IOM projects in Kyrgyzstan cover a range of areas such as improvement of the national regulatory framework and assistance in the development of strategies in the field of migration, anti-trafficking, border management, emergency situations and post crisis activities, migrants' rights protection, migrant health, gender migration assessment and many other.

It is necessary to separately note the IOM assistance in the development of cross-border cooperation in Central Asia. In 2010, the IOM opened its Mission in Astana to coordinate initiatives and efforts in the field of migration at the regional level in Central Asia.

And here, it is appropriate to agree with the statement of the Director General of the organization, Ambassador William Lacy Swing that IOM is an organization of professionals built on trust and close cooperation with the Member States, which effectively and efficiently help these States to manage migration processes to reach the common good.

With this in mind, Kyrgyzstan expects that cooperation with IOM will continue on a wide range of issues, including projects to support vocational technical education, technical assistance in passports modification, border management and fight against human trafficking.

~~В заключение, позвольте мне от имени своего Правительства заверить MOM, что Кыргызстан полностью поддерживает деятельность Организации и открыт для новых инициатив в сотрудничестве с MOM!~~

In conclusion, allow me to assure on behalf of our Government that Kyrgyzstan fully supports the work of the Organization and is open to new initiatives for cooperation with the IOM!

Thank you!