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MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION IN TAJIKISTAN IN THE SPHERE OF COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On 23 August 2008, the Mission of the International Organization for Migration in Tajikistan and Interministerial Commission for combating human trafficking at the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan signed joint action plan in the sphere of combating human trafficking in Tajikistan for 2008-2009. Official ceremony of signing joint action plan was in IOM office.

The document was signed by Mr. Zeynal Hajiyeu, IOM Tajikistan Chief of Mission (on behalf of IOM) and Mr. Ramazan Rahimov, head of Interministerial Commission (on behalf of Commission). This document is the continuation of close cooperation and coordination of actions of Tajik Government and International Organization for Migration in Tajikistan, first officiated by signing the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and IOM in Tajikistan (from 15.02.2008) and initial Plan of joint actions for 2006-2007.

It is noteworthy, that owing to established mechanism of parties' cooperation and efforts, the former action plan was successfully implemented, and achievements relate to regular assistance of Tajik Government to human trafficking victims in various directions, development of Tajik legislation in the sphere of countering human trafficking, conducting wide-scale information campaigns, training and capacity building of law-enforcement structures, opening and functioning specialized centers to assist human trafficking victims, opening Training Center for combating human trafficking and many others. Key parameters within the framework of newly signed Action plan are:

- Measures to establish regional and international cooperation with receiving and transit countries of human trafficking victims;
- Cooperation for developing educational and health programs;
- Tajikistan legislation development in the sphere of crossing borders and combating human trafficking;
- Information exchange on different aspects of human trafficking;
- Assistance to human trafficking victims in repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration;
- Joint development of new projects regarding cooperation in this realm and many other issues.