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**OFFICIAL CEREMONY OF SIGNING THE BILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR  
MIGRATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
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Dushanbe, 15 February 2006. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Tajikistan and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has signed a Memorandum of cooperation in the sphere of combating human trafficking. The official ceremony of signing the Memorandum was held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan. The document was signed by Mr. Mahmoud Naderi, Chief of mission, on behalf of IOM and Mr. Azimov A., Chairman of the Inter-ministerial commission on combating human trafficking, on behalf of the government.

Basic key parameters of interaction and cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and IOM are reflected in this document and cover the following areas:

- Exchange of statistical information necessary for analyses to determine dimensions, conditions and tendencies of human trafficking in the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Educational support in the sphere of improving the qualifications of state structure representatives, law-enforcement and legal bodies of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Information and consultative support comprising issues of combating trafficking in persons;
- Joint elaboration and development of a complex program of measures to combat trafficking in persons in the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Developing national legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan in the realm of combating human trafficking;
- Joint realization of information campaigns to prevent human trafficking;
- Developing a program to reveal, return, advocate and re-integrate the victims of human trafficking;
- Facilitate in establishing and enhancing the cooperation between international and regional contacts to prevent and combat human trafficking;
- Interaction concerning other matters, having direct or indirect relations to the problem of human trafficking.

The signing of the Memorandum of cooperation is a positive example of the joint efforts in the formation of cooperation and interaction mechanisms between the International Organization for Migration and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, and it will allow an increased specter of joint actions to combat the negative phenomenon of human trafficking in our society.