

Speech

of the Kyrgyz Republic on the implementation of Sendai Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction in the 2015-2030 years

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**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!**

Let me, welcome all the participants of the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on behalf of the Kyrgyz delegation and express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the organizers of the Global Forum and certainly the Government and people of India for their warm and generous hospitality in this beautiful country.

**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!**

The Kyrgyz Republic due to its unique natural and climatic conditions of the mountainous terrain, geographical location, is a country that is largely exposed to natural disasters, accidents and catastrophes.

Serious geological, climatic threats and challenges of global climate change have a negative impact on the population and economy of the Republic.

The Kyrgyz Republic faces more than 20 kinds of major disasters. On the average more than 200 emergencies occur every year, of which the most often repeated, leading to loss of life and considerable socio-economic losses are mudslides, earthquakes, landslides, avalanches, high winds, climbs the groundwater level, droughts, irreversible climate change.

Many of the threats are caused by human as well. As a result, long-term activity of the former uranium mines and processing enterprises has accumulated more than 300 million. of radioactive and toxic waste. Tailings were formed in settlements with overlapping mountain gorges and along the rivers, many burial sites are located in active seismic areas, mudflow areas, areas prone to flooding, as well as near the banks of rivers, which form the basis of extensive water basin of the Central Asian region.

Taking into consideration that many problems of uranium tailings, located in our region cannot be solved without the participation of the international community, we propose to hold in May-June 2017 International High-Level Forum on the United Nations General Assembly resolution №68 / 218 "The role of the international community in the prevention of radiation threat ". The Kyrgyz Republic is ready to carry out the appropriate preparatory work, jointly with interested countries and international organizations. We hope for the support of the international community in this direction.

Kyrgyzstan as mountain developing country is influenced by all negative consequences of climate change. We are extremely concerned about the impact of global warming, which has led to the melting of glaciers, entailing a reduction of water resources, dramatically increasing incidence of landslides, mudslides, flooding numerous human victims, decrease of biodiversity, land degradation, and as a result, to negative social consequences. There is significant damage to economic sectors.

In this regard Kyrgyz Republic:

- is understanding that transition to sustainable development becomes unattainable without increase of the level and efficiency of carrying out measures for the decrease of risks of natural disasters;

- is recognizing that efficiency of implementation of actions for the prevention and mitigation of the consequences of emergency situations in many respects depends on the level of interaction and coordination of activities of all concerned parties

at the national level in accordance with the global strategic document shall take all necessary steps to substantially reduce disaster risk, reduce the loss of life during natural disasters and reduce economic losses.

Today, we, the representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic, can confidently inform you that within the framework of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015, the main priorities for creating resilience-building, prevention and elimination of emergency situations at the state level and local communities, very significant progress were achieved.

The regulatory framework on civil protection is enhanced, the focus from reaction to the early prevention is shifted, the system of monitoring, forecasting and the early notification develops, preventive practical events for protection against emergency are held, there had been significant progress achieved in informing the population on emergency threats.

**Dear participants of the conference,**

In March 2015 delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic took an active part in the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and expressed support for Sendai Framework Program to reduce the risks of disasters and made a voluntary commitment to take the necessary measures to implement the program.

In compliance with the commitments of the Kyrgyz Republic actions for development and adoption of Strategy of complex safety of the population and the territories from emergency situations of natural and man-made nature till 2030 taking into account the priority directions of the Sendai framework program on DRR till 2030 are held.

In accordance with the strategy being developed in the field of disaster risk reduction to 2030, the priorities are activities that allow to shift the focus from the elimination of emergency situations to prevent, specifically;

- development of the Unified information management system for forecasting, early warning, prevention and elimination of consequences of emergency and crisis situations in the Kyrgyz Republic;

- creation of effective system of monitoring of disasters as a component of the Single management information system operating now, carrying out scientific and practical works on studying and forecasting of dangers, identification and the problem resolution of Civil protection, and also carrying out information campaign about the existing risks, methods of protection and response to disasters;

- improving the efficiency of the legal framework of the state system of civil protection and strengthening responsibility of state and local authorities in reducing disaster risk;

- involvement of the internal and external investments on implementation of measures directed to accomplishment of special emergency and recovery and preventive works on reduction of degree of exposure and vulnerability of the population, and implementation into the practice of development planning the aspects risk management of disasters, improvements of equipment of specialized services of the State system of civil protection;

- Realization of measures to increase the level of coordination in matters of disaster response, improved preparedness by strengthening specialized services, including the continuation of the practice by the creation of fire-rescue units;

- Further development and strengthening of regional and global cooperation for the establishment of effective disaster risk reduction mechanisms;

In this regard, **dear participants**, on behalf of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic, allow me to express **full support for the initiative to develop the Asian regional plan for the implementation of Sendai framework for disaster risk reduction.**

I express confidence that the thought-over, purposeful, perspective and oriented to practical actions Plan accepted by us will allow all countries and the people of the region in the next decade considerably to reduce disaster risks in the region, it is essential to reduce number of human, social, economic and ecological losses.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

In the conclusion of his speech, I want stop a resume on the initiatives of the Kyrgyz Republic, as the mountain state, and encourage States in the region to support them.

In 2002 Bishkek held Global Mountain Summit, on which problems and ways of development of mountainous countries, and adopted a final document, which laid the foundations of the mountain Cooperation Development - Bishkek Mountain Platform were discussed. Also, by the initiative of Kyrgyzstan and Switzerland the UN General Assembly resolution "Assistance to poor mountain state aid to overcome the socio-economic and environmental problems" (2004.) and "Sustainable mountain development" (2005.) were adopted.

In the following 2017 it will be 15 years since the adoption of the Bishkek Mountain Platform, due to which Kyrgyzstan is planning to mark the occasion at the UN headquarters in New York City.

Secondly, due to the climate change there is a threat of extinctions of the biodiversity of our mountain ecosystems. In 2013, Kyrgyzstan held the first world Forum for the conservation of snow leopard, which became the starting point for cooperation between the countries of the range-habitat of the snow leopard, as well as our international partners. The following year, 2017, we will convene the Second World Forum, where the work performed will be summed up and further joint actions to preserve these rare animals will be determined.

**In this regard let me once again urge States to support these initiatives.**

**Thank you for attention!**