

Your Excellency,

Dear Madam (or Sir) _____,

Respected conference participants,

It is a great honor for me to speak on behalf of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic at today's commemorative 10th session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in the city of Atlanta.

I would like to congratulate you on assuming the position of Conference Chair and wish you success in its proceedings. In my view, conferences like these serve as vital mechanisms for exchanging experiences and information regarding the implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption in our respective countries and the anti-corruption measures being undertaken.

Furthermore, the work of the ongoing Conference contributes to deepening cooperation among the States Parties to the Convention. Corruption remains a serious challenge to society, threatening stability, development, and justice.

The UN Convention against Corruption is our common denominator in combating this menace, and our country is actively working towards its implementation, continuing the consistent efforts to enact its provisions.

A crucial step in this direction has been the establishment of robust institutions responsible for combating corruption. We are strengthening the role and effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies, ensuring their independence and competence.

In turn, the work of the Prosecutor General's Office aims to ensure real justice and the rule of law. The introduction of electronic systems and mechanisms in the field of government procurement and financial transactions is another important aspect of our fight against corruption. Transparency and openness in these processes reduce opportunities for abuse and bribery, creating favorable conditions for business and societal development.

Public engagement in combating corruption plays a key role. We support and facilitate the development of civil society, actively involving citizens in monitoring and discussing anti-corruption initiatives. Together, we create an atmosphere where corruption becomes unacceptable.

Currently, our country is actively refining the legislative framework for combating corruption. An example of this is the adoption of several legal acts in the field of government procurement, public and municipal service, conflict of interest management, asset declaration (electronic submission of declarations), protection of whistleblowers, implementation of anti-corruption expertise, disclosure of information about beneficial owners of companies, and more.

Moreover, a recent presidential decree dated November 16, 2023, has formed a working group, comprising representatives from government bodies, civil society, and the business community under the coordination of the Prosecutor General's Office. This group has started developing a new State Strategy to Combat Corruption for the years 2025-2030.

It is also worth noting the successful implementation of the Criminal, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Executive Codes, and the Code of Offenses, developed in 2021 at the initiative of the Prosecutor General's Office. These codes have aligned procedural procedures with international norms, eliminated discrepancies, and introduced innovations. For instance, international norms on criminal liability for illicit enrichment, money laundering, intermediation in bribery, including promising or offering intermediation in bribery, have been incorporated into national criminal and criminal procedural legislation.

We believe that our country has now established a solid legal foundation in the fight against corruption.

As a participant in the UN Convention against Corruption and your partner, the Kyrgyz Republic recognizes the paramount importance of adhering to and properly applying international anti-corruption norms.

We consider the UN Convention against Corruption to be a unique document regulating all aspects of anti-corruption cooperation, from asset recovery and technical assistance to legal aid and extradition.

It is also necessary to acknowledge the effectiveness of the Review Mechanism and express gratitude to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for their work as the Secretariat, achieving significant progress in completing reviews within the first and second cycles of the Mechanism.

Currently, the Kyrgyz Republic continues to participate in the second cycle review of the Convention's implementation. In particular, our country, in collaboration with Antigua and Barbuda, is conducting a review of the State of Kuwait and has already submitted its recommendations following the country visit to Kuwait last November.

Simultaneously, we are also involved in the review of Papua New Guinea. The country visit to Papua New Guinea took place in May 2022, and we are now finalizing all procedural matters related to the second cycle review of these states.

In this regard, we would like to express gratitude to the governments of the State of Kuwait and Papua New Guinea for organizing the country visits of government experts.

At the same time, the second cycle review of Kyrgyzstan by the Review Mechanism is approaching completion, and we are ready to host government experts from Japan, as well as São Tomé and Príncipe, for the necessary meetings within the Review Mechanism.

We take this opportunity to request the Secretariat of the UNODC to expedite this matter.

Overcoming corruption is, as I have already mentioned, the main direction of state policy and a prerequisite for building a rule of law in the Kyrgyz Republic. However, despite our successes, there is still much work to be done. We need to constantly improve our strategies, deepen international cooperation, and exchange best practices. This is important not only for our national interests but also for ensuring global stability and justice.

Specific issues related to the implementation of anti-corruption mechanisms and the results of implementing the Convention will be presented during the plenary sessions of the Review Groups on the Implementation of the Convention.

In conclusion, respected [Madam/Sir] Chairman, I would like to thank you for the floor and once again confirm our readiness for further development of equal anti-corruption cooperation in support of the rule of law.

Thank you for your attention.

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Esteemed Conference Participants,

It is a great honor for me to address you on behalf of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic at the 10th anniversary session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in the city of Atlanta today.

Allow me to congratulate you on assuming the position of Conference Chair and extend my best wishes for the success of this event. In my view, such conferences serve as crucial mechanisms for exchanging experiences and information regarding the implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption in our countries and the anti-corruption measures being undertaken.

Furthermore, the ongoing work of the Conference contributes to deepening the collaboration among the States Parties to the Convention. Corruption remains a serious challenge to society, threatening stability, development, and justice.

The UN Convention against Corruption is our common denominator in the fight against this evil, and to date, our country actively works on its implementation, continuing the consistent implementation of its provisions. A significant step in this direction has been the establishment of strong institutions responsible for combating corruption.

We are strengthening the role and effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies, ensuring their independence and competence. In turn, the work of the Prosecutor General's Office is aimed at ensuring real justice and the rule of law.

The introduction of electronic systems and mechanisms in the field of public procurement and financial operations is another important stage in our fight against corruption. Transparency and openness in these processes reduce opportunities for abuse and bribery, creating favorable conditions for the development of business and society as a whole.

The involvement of the public in combating corruption plays a key role. We support and contribute to the development of civil society, actively involving citizens in monitoring and discussing anti-corruption initiatives. Together, we create an atmosphere in which corruption becomes unacceptable.

Currently, our country is actively improving the legislative framework for combating corruption. An example of this is the adoption of a series of regulatory acts in the areas of public procurement, public and municipal service, conflict of interest management, asset declaration (electronic filing of declarations), protection of whistleblowers, implementation of anti-corruption expertise, disclosure of information about beneficial owners of companies, and more.

Moreover, by the recent directive of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic dated November 16, 2023, a working group has been formed, comprising representatives from government bodies, civil society, and the business community under the coordination of the Prosecutor General's Office. This group has commenced the development of a new State Strategy to Combat Corruption for the years 2025-2030.

It is also worth noting the successful implementation of the Criminal, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Executive Codes, and the Code of Offenses, developed in 2021 at the initiative of the Prosecutor General's Office. These codes were brought into line with international procedural norms, conflicts were resolved, and novelties were introduced. For example, international norms providing for criminal liability for illegal enrichment, money laundering, and intermediation in bribery, including the promise or offer of intermediation in bribery, have been implemented into national criminal and criminal procedural legislation.

We believe that a solid legal foundation in the fight against corruption has been formed in the country. Additionally, as a participant in the UN Convention against Corruption and your partner, the Kyrgyz Republic recognizes the paramount importance of complying with and properly applying international anti-corruption norms.

We consider the UN Convention against Corruption to be a unique document regulating all aspects of anti-corruption cooperation, from asset recovery and technical assistance to legal aid and extradition.

It is also essential to acknowledge the effectiveness of the Review Mechanism and express gratitude to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime as the Secretariat for their work and significant progress achieved so far in completing reviews within the first and second cycles of the Mechanism.

Currently, the Kyrgyz Republic continues to participate in the second cycle of the Convention implementation review. Specifically, our state, in collaboration with Antigua and Barbuda, is conducting a review of the State of Kuwait and

has already submitted its recommendations following a country visit to Kuwait in November of last year.

Simultaneously, we are also participating in the review of Papua New Guinea. The country visit to Papua New Guinea took place in May 2022, and we are now approaching the completion of all procedural matters for the second cycle review of these states.

In this regard, we would like to express our gratitude to the governments of the State of Kuwait and Papua New Guinea for the well-organized country visits by government experts.

Moreover, the second cycle of the Review Mechanism for Kyrgyzstan is also coming to an end, and we are ready to host government experts from Japan, as well as São Tomé and Príncipe, for necessary meetings within the Review Mechanism. Seizing this opportunity, we would like to appeal to the Secretariat of the UNODC to expedite this matter.

Overcoming corruption is a primary direction of the state policy and a prerequisite for building a rule of law in the Kyrgyz Republic. However, despite our successes, much work remains. We need to continually improve our strategies, deepen international cooperation, and exchange best practices. This is important not only for our national interests but also for ensuring global stability and justice.

Specific issues related to the implementation of anti-corruption mechanisms and the results of the Convention's implementation will be presented during the plenary sessions of the Review Groups.

In conclusion, esteemed Madam (or Sir) Chair, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak and once again confirm our readiness for further development of equal anti-corruption cooperation in support of the rule of law.

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