

**Address by Mr. Talbak Nazarov,  
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Distinguished Mr. Chairman,  
Dear colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all let me join the words of gratitude addressed to the Government of Slovenia for the hospitality and excellent organization of our meeting.

Signing the Helsinki Final Act 30 years ago has become a turning point in the development of relations between the East and the West, transformation of the CSCE from a forum for negotiations and dialogue into an actively functioning Organization with permanent functioning structures, institutions and mechanisms.

Today the activity of the Organization has become substantially transparent and constructive. At the same time, we are deeply convinced that by carrying out effective reforms involving the activity of all institutions of the Organization its international authority can become even more appreciable, especially in solution of peace-building problems and maintenance of security, including the entire system of prevention and settlement of crises beginning from early prevention to post-conflict restoration.

Dear colleagues,

In recent years the world community is seriously concerned by expansion of the international terrorism. We believe that this threat has the character of global danger and tragic consequences related with it influence not only the security of a certain country but all over the world.

It is highly important for all countries of the world to take a complex, multilateral and coordinated approach to solution of this problem in order to provide security and stability on global scale.

Events of last years show that the growing threat of the international terrorism requires urgent and active involvement of legal instruments for struggle against terrorism and its financing. In our opinion, one of the priority problems which we face at present is the necessity of deprivation of terrorism of

its social base by rendering active support to social and economic development of developing countries.

The government of Tajikistan consistently and purposefully pursues a policy of counteraction against manifestation of terrorism. With this purpose a number of the important decisions have been adopted which are related with the security of the society and the state from manifestation of any symptoms of terrorism and extremism regardless their origin.

As the country which ratified the 12 international antiterrorist conventions and protocols, Tajikistan continues to be committed to the obligations emerging from these documents and takes necessary measures in such spheres of combating terrorism as exchange of information within the framework of the Action Against Terrorism Unit (ATU), support of partner relations and cooperation with neighboring countries and international organizations on counteraction to drug and weapon trafficking and religious extremism

We express our support to efforts of the OSCE in such concrete directions as assistance in creation of the national potential of Tajikistan in its long-term efforts on realization of the Ottawa Convention, assistance in demining the territory of the country in accordance with international standards, neutralization of threat and prevention of smuggling of small arms and light ammunition.

In this connection, I would like to express our gratitude to the OSCE participating countries for support rendered to Tajikistan in solution of problems related to improvement of management, storage and destruction of stocks of conventional ammunition, small arms and light weapons, as well as provision of their safety. Continuation of the OSCE efforts on strengthening the potential of the country in this sphere is a good basis for further strengthening of stability in the country and the region as a whole.

It is well-known that international drug trafficking is one of the major channels of financing of the international terrorism and religious extremism. In this regard, we believe that organization of an international forum on combating drug trafficking in future within the framework of the OSCE would be very important.

We believe that adoption of joint efforts against drug trafficking will make a priority direction in the activity of the Organization on security and stability in the zone of its responsibility.

We also welcome the vitalization of the OSCE activity in the sphere of strengthening of borders and the border security and management. Harmonization of border policy and customs rules, coordination of actions, and cooperation in solution of border problems are measures which are aimed at prevention and elimination of modern threats and challenges.

One of the primary goals of the Organization in the field of economic and environmental dimension, to our mind, is the necessity of creation of equal conditions for trade and economic cooperation in the entire region of the OSCE.

In this regard, I would like to emphasize that organization of the First Preparatory Conference for the Fourteenth OSCE Economic Forum titled "The Role of Transport to Enhance Regional Economic Cooperation and Stability" in the beginning of November of 2005 in Dushanbe was extremely actual and timely especially in the field of provision of freedom of movement for transportation, moving of people and goods, as well as improvement of conditions for development of tourism and expansion of cultural communications between the countries of our region.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to confirm once again the readiness of the Government of Tajikistan to demonstrate hospitality for the OSCE Economic Forum in 2007.

Mr. Chairman,

Tajikistan fully supports the proposals stated in the Final Report and Recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons concerning strengthening of effectiveness of the OSCE and emphasizes their timeliness. Especially it is worth to mention the recommendations regarding transformation of the OSCE into a full international organization with its Charter and Convention on legal capacity, giving the Permanent Council a leading role in adopting political priorities of the Organization, and strengthening of the role of the Secretary General.

In conclusion, once again I would like to note that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan remaining committed to the course of democratic reforms in the country hopes for further active cooperation with and support of the OSCE and its institutions in strengthening of democratic institutions, improvement of the national legislation system in accordance with international standards, establishment of bases of civil society, as well as solution of social, economic and environmental problems.

Thank you.