

**International Conference
for the National Integrated Border Management Strategy and
Action Plan to Implement the National Strategy**

Bishkek, 20 November 2012

SUMMARY DECLARATION

Participants of the International Conference,

organised on the initiative of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the participation of the Kyrgyz Republic Vice-Prime Minister Mr. Tair Sarpashev, representatives of the government authorities and non-governmental organizations, interested states, diplomatic corps and international organizations accredited in the Kyrgyz Republic;

having considered the National Integrated Border Management Strategy and Action Plan to Implement the National Integrated Border Management Strategy:

note:

- The Kyrgyz National Integrated Border Management system is being created and introduced according to the best experience of the world community and is focused on the improvement of the border security system;

- The Kyrgyz Republic, being guided by the democratic development principles, complies with and supports the universal human values, and also bears responsibility for the security of its nationals and nationals of other states during their stay in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic;

- Integrated Border Management Strategy is a critical tool of promotion of sustainable and integrated border management principles for the purpose of facilitation of social and economic development and enforcement of border security;

- Currently, the Kyrgyz Republic, in close cooperation with bilateral, regional and international donors, has started a reform in the areas of professional training and education of border agencies and institutional development, as well as modernization of border infrastructure, equipment and border crossing procedures;

- Significant contribution of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, the Republic of Turkey, Japan, and other states, United Nations, European Union, OSCE, and other international institutions, to the strengthening of the Kyrgyz border security and facilitation focused on the development of regional cooperation, improvement of coordination and interchange of information between the Central Asian states;

- National Integrated Border Management Strategy has special importance and urgency on the threshold of the forthcoming withdrawal of basic contingents of the International Security Assistance Force from Afghanistan based on the geographic location of the Kyrgyz Republic;

The Conference participants took note of the Kyrgyz Government's proposal to consider the creation of an independent trust fund to finance this initiative in order to successfully implement the National Integrated Border Management system in the Kyrgyz Republic;

recommend to:

- assist the Kyrgyz Republic in every possible way to create and introduce the National Integrated Border Management system actively supported by the border management Interagency Commission chaired by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic;

- develop collaboration in the field of border management and expressed readiness to support this activity;

- jointly strengthen border management system, applying where possible, best international practices and experience;

emphasized that prompt functioning of borders in the Kyrgyz Republic will contribute to the process of strengthening security and sustainability at both regional and international levels.

Adopted on 20 November 2012