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Созмони Ҳамкории иқтисодӣ оид ба паст кардани хавфи  
офатҳои табиӣ.

Хонумҳо ва чанобон!

Аз фурсати муносиб истифода намуда, миннатдори  
худро барои қабули даъватнома ва иштирок дар кори  
нишасти имрӯзаи мо ба ҳамаи Шумоён баён намоям.

Меҳмонони гиромӣ, хуш омадед ба Тоҷикистони  
офтобӣ ва меҳмоннавоз!

Муҳтарам иштирокдорони чорабинӣ, иҷозат фармояд  
кори нишасти нуҳуми вазирони Созмони Ҳамкории  
Иқтисодӣ оид ба паст кардани хавфи офатҳои табииро –  
кушода эълон намоям!

Distinguished heads of delegations, participants of the meeting! Ladies and gentlemen!

The heads and experts of official delegations of the member countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization, observers and representatives of various state and international organizations from the countries of the region are taking part in the work of our meeting today.

High-level leaders from the United Nations are also taking part in the work of our meeting.

Distinguished participants of the meeting!

As is known, the Economic Cooperation Organization region is one of the most vulnerable regions in the world in terms of natural disasters.

Due to its geographical, geological, topographic and climatic features, the region is exposed to a number of hazards, such as floods, earthquakes, landslides, sand and dust storms, typhoons, droughts, glacial lake outbursts, heat and cold waves, cyclones and avalanches. which cause various natural disasters.

As a result, natural disasters lead to loss of life, human suffering and economic losses.

I would like to remind you that over the past ten years, more than 70 million people have suffered from natural disasters in this region.

Tajikistan is also the most vulnerable to natural disasters. This process is facilitated by the geographical location of our country, 93% of whose territory is mountains, and also by the impact of climate change.

**Distinguished heads of delegations, ladies and gentlemen!**

Tajikistan, under the leadership of the Head of our State, the President of the country, the respected Emomali Rahmon, has been playing a leading and effective role in the global agenda for the promotion of water and climate issues for a decade.

During this period, on the initiatives and proposals of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the respected Emomali Rahmon of Tajikistan, the UN General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions aimed at uniting the efforts of the international community to solve existing problems and intensify actions in this direction.

In particular, the United Nations declared the International Year of Freshwater (2003), the International Decade for Action "Water for Life" (2005-2015), the International Year of Water Cooperation (2013) and in December 2016, based on the next resolution of the UN General Assembly, the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028 was declared, which in general, these initiatives have made

a significant contribution to sustainable development. Taking into account the fact that glaciers and other water sources of Tajikistan form the basis of the water resources of Central Asia, within the framework of the Alliance for Water and Climate, on the initiative of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the respected Emomali Rahmon, during the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, a resolution was unanimously adopted declaring 2025 the "International Year of Glacier Protection" and March 21 the "International Glacier Day". In this context, our country's proposal to establish a trust fund at the UN to promote the preservation of glaciers and to hold an international conference on this topic in Dushanbe in 2025 are important steps in this direction.

It should be noted that, in agreement with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, on September 26-27, 2024, the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Asia-Pacific Development Center for Disaster Information Management (APDIM) are holding a "Regional Meeting on Understanding the Impacts of Sand and Dust Storms on Glaciers in the Asia-Pacific Region: Towards Conservation and Cooperation".

We take this opportunity to invite you to participate in this important international event.

The analysis shows that the number of natural disasters has increased by 2.3 times, and the amount of damage - by 1.2 times.

In this regard, the adaptation of approaches and strategies for disaster risk reduction in the member countries of our Organization is a very important and pressing issue for solving existing problems in the field of disaster risk management.

Dear participants of our meeting!

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays constant attention to the issues of disaster risk reduction based on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, within the framework of which it adopted the National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for Disaster Risk Reduction for 2019-2034 and the Medium-Term State Program for the Protection of Population and Territory from Emergencies for 2023-2028.

Our meeting today provides good conditions for considering regional programs and projects on early warning, preparation and elimination of natural disasters, as well as the need to strengthen cooperation in the region and beyond. In this regard, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, our meeting today will lay the foundation for finding ways and means to create a joint mechanism for responding to expected risks.

We note with great responsibility that natural hazards threatening our countries can damage not only the socio-economic situation, but also the human resources of the region.

In this direction, the implementation of the Regional Program of the Economic Cooperation Organization for Disaster Risk Reduction and its Roadmap for 2021-2025 will help all countries in the region achieve the main goals of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Dear colleagues!

Based on the results of today's meeting, it is planned to adopt a declaration of the ministerial meeting, which we will present to the highest bodies of the Economic Cooperation Organization.

I am confident that we will make every effort to implement the provisions of the adopted declaration.

I wish everyone fruitful work and success in fulfilling the tasks set!

Thank you all for your attention!