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of the 13th Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan May 30, 2014

The Session was attended by Consultative Council members and the invited responsible person.

Session Agenda:

1. Update on implementation process of decisions of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Presentation of analysis results and Draft Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in Insurance Sector.
3. Results of the process of ratification of the Hague Convention on abolition of official documents' legalization by the Republic of Tajikistan and establishment of sovereign credit rating of the country.
4. Proposing issues of Draft Agenda for the next Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of investment climate in industrial sectors and development of national production.

Prior to the beginning of the Session, the President of the country, the Chairman of the Consultative Council, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon introduced to the audience new Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council Mr. Numon Abdujaborov and newly elected members of the Consultative Council from private sector: Head of Agribusiness Association of Tajikistan – Mr. Shorahmatov Shorauf, Director of Limited Liability Company “Madina va Hamkoron” – Ms. Dodkhudoeva Nabot and Director of Limited Liability Company «Ghayur» - Mr. Ghulomov Akbar and wished them productive activity and success.

According to the first issue of the session's agenda, Mr. Qodiri Qosim, the Council's Executive Secretary and Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan made a

report on the results of monitoring of implementation of decisions of the Consultative Council's sessions.

The accepted decisions have implemented by responsible persons and authorized ministries and agencies in general.

Particularly Action plans of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on improvement of investment and business climate in tourism and improvement of the Tajikistan indicators in the Doing Business Report of the World Bank have been approved by relevant Regulations of the Government of the country, effective implementation of which would promote to the development of tourism as well as strengthening the republic international position and more improvement of investment image of the country.

With the purpose of comprehensive tourism development and making appropriate the level of servicing in Dushanbe International Airport to the international requirements an internal Action plan on improvement of the servicing level for travelers, the Rules of attitude of the airport staff have been accepted by management of the airport as well as works on renovation and modernization of airport servicing equipment are being continued.

An Action plan on improvement of the custom bodies' servicing level in the international airports of the country has been also adopted by Customs Services.

Also Ministry of Foreign Affairs established a separate window for the services of tourist businesses in the Consular Department of Ministry that is being operated and made very easy and effective the work of tourist companies.

It was noted that the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On State Protection and Support of Entrepreneurship" has been adopted and presently for the purpose of its effective application subordinate acts are being developed.

Relating monitoring of decisions implementation of the Council also representative from private sector in the Consultative Council, General Director of OJSC "Pamir Energy" - Daler Jumaev and member of the Council, Head of the European Union Resident Office in Tajikistan - Eduard Auer delivered speeches.

Regarding this issue the Chairman of the Council, the President of the country, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon noted that significant works have been done for the implementation of Council's decisions.

Simultaneously, some accepted Council's decisions are not implemented fully. Particularly separate points of «Program for Support of Construction Companies to Improve Investment and Business Climate in the Construction Sector for 2012-2014», which was adopted in the framework of activity of the Council were not implemented fully.

Also, it is necessary to strengthen the activity of some Regional Consultative Councils on improvement of investment and business climate in provinces, cities and districts of the country.

Contemporaneously the real support of development partners is very important during the process of implementation of Council's decisions.

Regarding the second issue of the Session Minister of Economic Development and Trade – Mr. Sharif Rahimzoda head a speech and presented Report of the Working Group on Development of the Insurance Sector and a Draft Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in the Insurance Sector.

Regarding this issue Chairman of the Council, the President of the country, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon expressed, that independent Tajikistan stands in a new stage of economic development and formation of legal economic foundation regulating insurance activity. Therefore, he assured that favorable preconditions for the introduction of best experience on insurance activity will be also created in our country in a short time.

In concern with the third issue of session First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs - Mrs. Rahmon Ozoda Emomali and Chairman of the National Bank of Tajikistan - Mr. Abdujabbor Shirinov reported on results of the process of ratification of the Hague Convention (the Apostille Convention of 1961) on abolition of official documents' legalization by the Republic of Tajikistan and establishment of sovereign credit rating of Tajikistan.

According to the last issue of the session's agenda, Mr. Qodiri Qosim, the Council's Executive Secretary made a report and proposed for consideration at the next 14th Session of the Consultative Council an issue on improvement of the investment climate in the sectors of the industry, supporting domestic producers and development of national production, which was supported by all members of the Council.

The Chairman of the Council, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan was asked to give instruction for establishing of a working group on conducting analyses regarding this issue from among of the representatives of relevant ministries and agencies, private sector with the support of development partners.

Also members of the Council, Head of Association of microfinance organizations of Tajikistan - Mr. Farhod Akbarov, Head of Resident Office of the World Bank in Tajikistan – Mrs. Marsha Olive and Head of Resident Office of International Finance Corporation in Tajikistan - Mr. Christopher Miller took part in discussion and interaction of each issue considered in the Session and proposed useful suggestions.

In his final speech, The Chairman of the Council, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan expressed his opinion regarding the issues discussed in

the Session and gave the following instructions and recommendations to relevant agencies, officers in charge and development partners' representatives:

1. Ministry of Economic Development and Trade:

- a) jointly with Ministry of Finance and other relevant bodies undertake necessary measures for arranging mechanism of the implementation of compulsory insurance services by private insurance companies excepting compulsory state insurance as well as expanding the number of companies that are engaged in implementation of compulsory insurance services.
- b) submit draft Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in Insurance Sector in accordance with the defined procedures to the Government of the country;
- c) establish a working group consisting from representatives of ministries and agencies, private sector with the support of development partners and develop draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Insurance" in a new edition. Coordinate and adopt this draft law in accordance with the defined time.

2. Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan jointly with Ministries of Finance, Economic Development and Trade conduct necessary measures in regard with review the education system and curriculum on insurance for the purpose to make their graduates comply with contemporery requierment of insurance market.

3. First deputy of Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, State Committee on Investment and State Property Management jointly with Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement on Investment Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan in cooperation with Ministries of Economic Development and Trade, Finance, business associations undertake necessary measures on conducting meeting of the President of the country with national and foreign entrepreneurs, operating in Tajikistan in a high level on October of 2014 year through establishing organizational committee.

4. Ministries of Foreign Affair, Justice and Finance undertake necessary measures for completion of procedure of ratification of the Hague Convention or the Apostille Convention on abolition of official documents' legalization dated 1961 by the Republic of Tajikistan and submit information on its results.

5. National Bank jointly with other relevant ministries and agencies with support of development partners establish a sovereign credit rating of Tajikistan in collaboration with famous world rating organizations and submit information on its results.

6. Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan jointly with Ministries of Agriculture, Economic Development and Trade, State Committee on Investment and State Property Management, Main Department of Geology and other relevant ministries and agencies, private sector with support of development partners establish a working group as well as conduct comprehensive analysis on improvement of investment climate in sectors of the industry, supporting domestic producers and development of national production and submit the results with concrete recommendations.

7. Submit to the next Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement on Investment Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan report of Chairman of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate in Khatlon Province on activity of Regional Council as well as report of Chairman of the Committee on Construction and Architecture under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on progress of implementation of «Program for Support of Construction Companies to Improve Investment and Business Climate in the Construction Sector for 2012-2014» .

8. It is recommended to the development partners that:

- a. broaden their assistance on rising qualification skills of private and business companies, languages' knowledge, legal culture and economic knowledge of entrepreneurs, particularly in development of investments projects and business plans, analysis of important issues of investment business climate as well as support private sector in general;
- b. strengthen its activity on supporting implementation of reforms, particularly on improvement of investment climate in tourism and insurance sectors, establishment of secondary market for securities and a stock exchange market and enhancing position of the country in international ranking;
- c. contribute in effective implementation of Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in Insurance Sector, particularly in strengthening of institutional structure and establishment of Association of National Insurance Institutions in accordance with developed world experience, organizing training courses for preparing insurance actuaries by involving international experts.

9. Nomination of Numon Abdujaborov as a Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to be approved.

10. The authority of former Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Zavkijon Zavkiev, due to the transfer to another position should be terminated.

11. Nomination of Head of Agribusiness Association of Tajikistan – Shorahmatov Shorauf, Director of Limited Liability Company “Madina va Hamkoron” – Dodkhudoeva Nabot and Director of Limited Liability Company «Ghayur» - Ghulomov Akbar, as the Council's new members from the private sector to be approved.

The authority of the Consultative Council members from the private sector: General Director of OJSC “Pamir Energy” - Daler Jumaev, Head of Business Association of Sugd Province - Masuda Tyuraeva and Chairman of LLC “K.Davron” - Bahrom Rustamov, due to the end of their term should be terminated.

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Signed Numon Abdujaborov