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Madam Moderator:

Allow me to use this opportunity to brief the participants of the Conference on the progress made in the post-conflict rehabilitation in Kyrgyzstan.

1. The process is taking place while the sustainability of the country's political system has been strengthening. The parliamentary system of governance in Kyrgyzstan has shown its viability. The events of the past two years have demonstrated that the system of checks and balances within the existing legal framework allows resolving conflicts within the Parliament's walls.
2. The Government has initiated reforms in the judicial system. The Concept of reforming the courts has been adopted. The Parliament has approved the nominations of the 25 judges of the Supreme Court on proposal of the President and the Council for the selection of judges. The Government continues the work on renewing the judiciary.
3. The work on overcoming the consequences of the conflict is in progress. In particular, on instruction of the Head of State we have prepared the Document about the circumstances and chronology of the tragic events of May and June 2010 in the southern part of Kyrgyzstan. The report openly indicated the ratio of the dead and convicted persons in terms of their ethnicity.
4. We have been undertaking measures to reform the legislation on tortures by adopting the law on a National Preventive Mechanism and toughing up the provisions of the Criminal Code for use of tortures. On invitation of the Government the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Mr. Juan Méndez visited Kyrgyzstan at the end of 2011. In follow-up to his visit the Government has been implementing the Action plan to combat torture.
5. A special course on policing in multi-ethnic societies has been introduced to the curriculum of the Police Academy of Kyrgyzstan.

6. The State directorate for reconstruction and development of the southern provinces of Kyrgyzstan has completed the reconstruction of 1709 houses which were destroyed or damaged during the conflict.
7. A draft conceptual document on national unity of Kyrgyzstan has been submitted to the Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic. It has the aim of strengthening inter-ethnic harmony and forming a single and united civil nation. Priorities of the consolidation policy include strengthening an integrative role of the state language, while maintaining multilingual and multicultural education, abiding by international norms for the protection of the rights of minorities, and transparent and inclusive governance.
8. We have created the Public Expert Council under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on issues of inter-ethnic and inter-religious development. The Council is composed of prominent experts and human rights activists and holds regular consultations on important issues.
9. In all provinces and districts of Kyrgyzstan we have established local advisory committees composed of prominent local leaders of different ethnic background. We have created a system of ethno-political monitoring and early warning of conflicts and have conducted seminars for the local authorities in Osh and Chuy provinces to test this approach.
10. Currently we are conducting wide discussion of the 2nd Report of the Government on implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, ratified by Kyrgyzstan in 1997, as well as the analysis of implementation of the recommendations of our international partners within the Universal Periodic Review of Kyrgyzstan.
11. The Kyrgyz Republic is committed to further advance the rule of law and human rights in Kyrgyzstan and to this end will continue fruitful cooperation with the United Nations, the OSCE and other international partners.