



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **Kyrgyz-Tajik Border Agreement**

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The United States congratulates Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic on their agreement to delineate and demarcate the entirety of their border. This historic agreement will ease tensions and support trade and development, leading to a more prosperous and peaceful region.

Establishing and securing borders are some of the most important tasks entrusted to a government by its people. We commend the vision and determination of the Tajik and Kyrgyz governments to secure this deal. This important agreement, however, must be followed by serious border management that fights trafficking, illegal migration, and corruption.

President Trump has identified illegal migration as the greatest threat to national security. The OSCE Border Security and Management Concept also identifies secure borders as critical to addressing the threats of terrorism, organized crime, illegal migration, and illicit trafficking. The United States strongly supports all national efforts in the OSCE region to operationalize the idea of comprehensive security by maintaining concrete border controls. We stand united with fellow OSCE participating States to put an end to illegal migration, and the crime, exploitation, and death that stem from it.

We encourage the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan to make full use of the OSCE's tools and expertise as they implement this historic agreement. We thank the OSCE Program Offices in Bishkek and Dushanbe for their active engagement and valuable expertise which supported this historic achievement. Their work over many years has strengthened cross-border dialogue and cooperation.

The OSCE can help both countries combat illegal border crossing, improve cooperation, and jointly manage their shared border more effectively. Such cooperation can lead to stronger regional trade ties, economic growth, and enhanced national security. This will contribute to lasting regional stability and resilience in Central Asia.

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