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TAJIKISTAN
TO THE OSCE

Statement
by the Head of Tajik Delegation, Ambassador Nuriddin Shamsov at the 807th
Permanent Council Meeting

*In response to USA Delegation's
statement on the detention
of Mr. Nematullo Botakuziev*

Chairperson,

We thank the Delegation of United States for interest to Mr. Nematullo Botakuziev's case in Tajikistan. We will convey US Delegation's concerns on the matter to Dushanbe for further consideration.

My Delegation notes that the protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms, as well as rule of law, democratization and civil society principles are among top priorities of domestic policy of Tajikistan. The Government of Tajikistan strives to be adherent to its commitments in the sphere of human rights within the OSCE and other international organizations.

With regard to Mr. Botakuziev, the citizen of Kyrgyzstan, we note that he was questioned on February 27, 2010 by Tajik law-enforcement due to lack of travel documents and violation of Rules of Stay Regulations for Foreigners. As a result, he was placed in detention center of the Ministry of Interior temporarily. We stress since his arrival in Tajikistan Mr. Botakuziev did not apply to the Migration Services Agency, Ministry of Interior of Tajikistan for registration as asylum or refugee seeker.

In accordance with information submitted on 4 April 2010 by Office of Kyrgyz General-Prosecutor, Mr. Botakuziev charged in committing crimes and violation of articles 156, part 4; 174, part 2; 233, part 1.2.3; 259, part 2; 279, part 2; 299, part 2.3 and 341 of Criminal Code of Kyrgyzstan.

We confirm that, Kyrgyz authorities have requested extradition of Mr. Botakuziev to Kyrgyzstan. Currently, Tajik Office of General Prosecutor continues investigation and, has already asked Kyrgyz authorities to clarify their request and charges against him.

We assure that incoming decision of Tajik authorities on Mr. Botakuziev will be taken with respect to national legislation and in line with international norms, standards and commitments of Tajikistan.

Thank You Chairperson,