

Distinguished Madam President, distinguished Minister, deputies of the JK, dear ladies and gentlemen,

The security of people and their communities has to be at the heart of a democratic police reform programme. A modern and democratic police has to uphold citizen rights.

People and communities also have to recognize and take a share of the responsibility for the organization of their own security.

The best result is achieved if people and police talk and work together.

This is one of the main objectives of the Community Security Initiative - and the introduction of the Police Mobile Reception Centres is an important method to achieve this. The Centres make the Police more accessible to the public.

Dear Mrs. President, dear Minister, dear deputies, ladies and gentlemen

We have in the last years donated many vehicles to the MoI. However today's ceremony is special. It shows a new approach in the partnership between the OSCE and the Kyrgyz Government. Madam President, your presence today is for us a sign of the importance of this new approach.

I'm therefore very happy today to hand over these 12 new mobile police stations to the MVD and also, let me stress, to the people and communities in the 10 districts (RVDs) where our international advisors are working.

In the coming weeks, the mobile reception centres will be located at the designated police stations. There is a phone number written on them. By this number, people and communities can telephone the police teams in case they need support or advise. These community police teams of the MoI will be supported by CSI police advisors.

Let us see how this initiative works out ! The OSCE and MoI will be pleased to hear from the public on their experience and suggestions about these reception centres. Together we can always improve !

If the project is successful, there is a possibility to further strengthen the mobile teams.

Distinguished Madam President, distinguished Minister, the OSCE believes that the opportunities have never been better to remodel the Police in line with public needs, police integrity and legitimate State security requirements.

The OSCE has supported a nationwide discussion to hear about the views of the public. The next steps are the formation of a broad-based working group to make recommendations to a national forum on a new, national policing concept. This concept will be focused on practical methods to build mutual trust and cooperation between the public and police. It is clear that these measures must include stronger police accountability, improved behaviour and an end to corruption.

Thank you for your attention