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Ministerial Conference on Border Management and Drug Control in Central Asia, Dushanbe, October 21-22, 2008

A two-day Ministerial Conference on Border Management and Drug Control was hosted by the Government of Tajikistan in Dushanbe on October 21-22 2008. The event co-sponsored by the European Commission, the French Presidency of the European Union, Finland, Germany, OSCE, UNODC and UNDP. The Conference participants included delegations from Europe, Central Asia, Afghanistan, Iran, China, Russia, the United States and Japan.

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon addressed the Conference and appreciated donor countries support for improvement of national border guarding. “ However, there are some faults in term of comparability of the provided assistance and real needs”- said the Head of state.

The Conference brought together senior experts on border management and drug control from international organizations and donor countries also. Day first focused on discussing effective management of resources and the impact of related technical assistance, as well as the prioritization of international support in the short term. During Ministerial segment Central Asian Countries and donors presented national and regional priorities.

The participants adopted Partnership Declaration calling for further strengthened international donor contribution in the field of border security and management with view to create synergies and avoid duplications.

The Dushanbe Conference itself provided a broad setting for dialogue at political and expert level which can further the development of closer coordination among all stakeholders, so as to complement at both political and operational level existing mechanisms in the field.

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