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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the outcomes of the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the  
Commonwealth of Independent States held in Dushanbe on 9 and 10 October 2025**

Mr. Chairperson,

We congratulate Tajikistan on the successful conduct of events at the senior and high levels in Dushanbe on 9 and 10 October of this year within the framework of the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Active work was undertaken throughout the year as part of the implementation of the Republic of Tajikistan's concept for its CIS chairmanship in 2025. Scores of expert consultations and ministerial-level meetings were organized on various aspects of co-operation among the Commonwealth's Member States. These important activities resulted, *inter alia*, in the signing of some two dozen consequential documents at the meeting of the Council of CIS Heads of State.

Among these, we should like to single out the programmes adopted for co-operation among the CIS Member States in combating terrorism and extremism during the 2026–2028 period and in strengthening border security at external borders during the 2026–2030 period. These documents constitute a meaningful contribution to regional security, which not least is fully in keeping with the OSCE's goals and objectives.

The participants in the Dushanbe meeting also commended the results of the CIS Human Rights Commission's activities in 2023–2025, which were presented by the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation, Tatiana Moskalkova, in her capacity as Chairperson of that CIS body.

It is worth noting that, in its more than 30 years of existence, the Commonwealth of Independent States has consolidated its status as a respected regional and integration association. The CIS is a platform that brings together geographical neighbours and natural allies bound together by a common history and close ties between their peoples. Thanks to joint efforts by the CIS Member States and painstaking work on the basis of equality and respect for each other's interests, a common market and a common humanitarian space extending across a vast territory have been established.

Economic co-operation among the Commonwealth countries is being progressively strengthened. Virtually all mutual settlements are now carried out in national currencies. Overall in the first half of 2025, the share of national currencies in commercial transactions between CIS members was 96 per cent.

It is not surprising that quite a few countries and international structures have shown interest in working together with the Commonwealth. In that regard, the leaders of the CIS States supported Kazakhstan's proposal to establish the "Commonwealth of Independent States Plus" format, which will serve as a platform for co-operation between the CIS countries and other States, their associations and international organizations.

In our view, there is also potential for the OSCE to pursue co-operation with the CIS, in particular by expanding the involvement of specialists from Commonwealth countries as experts in the project activities of OSCE field operations in Central Asia.

It would be amiss to fail to mention that Dushanbe hosted the second Central Asia-Russia Summit, during which the leaders of six States adopted a communiqué and a work plan for the near future. Joint actions and activities in the political, economic, scientific, educational and humanitarian realms were outlined.

We wish our friends from Tajikistan success in wrapping up their term chairing the Commonwealth of Independent States. We trust that the effective co-operation among CIS countries will continue next year as well under the chairmanship of Turkmenistan.

Thank you for your attention.