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PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

Inform the deputies Prime-Ministers of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. A. Gulomov and Ms. Kh. Yu. Mavlonova, the State Advisor of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on Economic Policy Mr. M. S. Davlatov.

Ministries and agencies
Departments of the Executive Office of the President
(according to the list)

Please take necessary measures for realization of the joint action plan and inform the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on the status of its implementation on quarterly basis.

To Mr. M. Isakov

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JOINT ACTION PLAN

of the Government of Tajikistan, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank
on results of the 2006 Country Portfolio Performance Review

ISSUES	BACKGROUND	ACTIONS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE
1. Project Sustainability and Institutional Impact	Analysis has shown that, though in the short-run PIU get the job done, PIU approach hinders long-term institutional development, lowers ownership of government structures, and impedes the process of their capacity building. Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness proposes that both the donors and the recipient country should try	1.1 With relevant capacity strengthening use existing PIUs for future sectoral projects.	Immediately	Government/ACU
		1.2 In multi-sectoral projects follow “one PIU per reform direction” approach.	Immediately	Government/ACU
		1.3 With the purpose of preserving gained capacity and ensuring competitiveness revise PIU staff salary scale.	December 31, 2006.	ACU/MoF
		1.4 Within the existing and future projects put more emphasis on use of the potential of the	Immediately	IA/PIU/WB/ADB

to avoid creation of dedicated project implementation structures and use to a larger extent the available country capacity.	country structures and specialists.		
	1.5 Missions to carry out collective meetings with PIU and Implementing Agencies on projects in the same and/or adjacent sector.	Immediately and on-going thereafter	WB/ADB/
	1.6 All pipe-line and future projects are “screened” to ensure that implementation set-up is aimed at institutional development and sustainability.	Immediately and on-going thereafter	ACU/WB/ADB
	1.7 Implement Phase 1 of the Education Sector Fiduciary Capacity Assessment – Capacity Building of the Ministry of Education.	July 31, 2007.	Ministry of Education/ WB
	1.8 Review fiscally sustainable options of the possibility to attract persons with experience of implementing IFI-funded projects into civil service.	March 31, 2007.	MoF/ACU/WB/ADB
	1.9 Ensure that for all closing projects that (a) necessary state budget financing of operating and maintenance is available for the next 3 years, and (b) all necessary property and works	Immediately and on-going thereafter	(a) MoF/ACU (b) IA/PIU, ACU

		hand-over under the closed projects is carried out.		
2. Impact Orientation of Project Implementation and Portfolio Management	At the project and portfolio level attention is mostly paid to technical and operational aspects of project implementation (in- and outputs), rather than to project's and portfolio's outcomes and development impact. Paris Declaration declares Managing for results as the major approach in providing support and policy development. Monitoring and evaluation still remains a "second importance" issue.	2.1 All PIU attach M&E report to the annual 2006 project implementation reports to be submitted to the Government through relevant line-ministries.	December 31, 2006 and regularly on annual basis thereafter.	IA/PIU
		2.2 WB and ADB project implementation reports are updated to improve M&E information.	December 31, 2006.	WB/ADB
		2.3 Carry out trainings for the staff of the Government, implementing agencies and PIUs on impact orientation and M&E.	Regularly	WB/ADB
		2.4 Timely start implementation of the technical assistance on Managing for Development Results.	March 31, 2007	Ministry of Economy and Trade/ ADB
		2.5 Carry out collective sector meetings in selected sectors on the link between the project, sector and national impact of donor-funded public investments.	December 31, 2006 March 31, 2007	MET/ACU/WB/ADB
3. Harmonization	Insufficiently harmonized activities present a significant burden on the	3.1 Visiting missions schedules and mission announcement letters are shared on regular basis.	Immediately and on-going thereafter.	WB/ADB

	<p>government. Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness requires that particularly in fragile countries donor actions are more harmonized, transparent and effective. Policy and Strategy harmonization is on the agenda of the Tajikistan Donor Coordination Council (DCC).</p>	<p>3.2 Quarterly carry out WB CO and ADB RM local professional staff meetings.</p>	<p>December 20, 2006.</p>	<p>WB CO/ADB RM</p>
		<p>3.3 Share mission plans, terms of reference and Aid-memoires of the missions in selected sectors.</p>	<p>Immediately and on-going thereafter.</p>	<p>WB/ADB</p>
		<p>3.4 Each line-ministry or agency identifies one staff of managerial level to be in charge of supervision of WB-ADB-funded projects.</p>	<p>November 30, 2006.</p>	<p>Line-ministries/ACU</p>
		<p>3.5 Organize a joint inception mission of WB and ADB fiduciary teams on country-level harmonization.</p>	<p>April 30, 2007.</p>	<p>WB/ADB/ACU</p>
		<p>3.6 On the platform of DCC carry out discussions with the Government on the vision and timing for a joint WB/ADB [plus other donors] country partnership strategy.</p>	<p>February 28, 2007</p>	<p>WB/ADB/ACU</p>
<p>4. Completion of 2005 CPPR Joint Action Plan</p>	<p>Five actions of the 2005 CPPR Action Plan are still under implementation. Key issues are the taxation and country project cycle procedures.</p>	<p>4.1 Adopt changes to the Tax Code on eliminating part 3 of Article 237 on VAT Exemption.</p>	<p>December 31, 2006.</p>	<p>Ministry of State Duties and Revenues.</p>
		<p>4.2 Adopt the Order On application of VAT exemption under donor-funded public investment projects (as required by part 2 of Article 237 of the Tax Code).</p>	<p>December 31, 2006.</p>	<p>Ministry of State Duties and Revenues.</p>

		4.3 Review and respond to the proposals done by WB on taxation under donor-funded projects.	October 31, 2006.	Ministry of State Duties and Revenues.
		4.4 In consultation with WB/ADB finalize development and adopt the Manual on attracting, utilizing, coordinating and monitoring of the external aid.	November 30, 2006.	Government/ACU