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CENTRAL ASIAN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
"Connecting Climate Goals with Actions: Turning Ambitions into Reality"

We, the participants of the Central Asian Climate Change Conference, held from May 27-29, 2024, in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, declare our commitment to achieving climate goals through concrete actions, strengthening regional cooperation, and implementing innovative solutions. The conference brought together representatives of national governments, international organizations, civil society, the scientific community, and youth to discuss ways to adapt to climate change, mitigate its impacts, and achieve sustainable development in the region.

Acknowledgements:

- Recognizing that the high vulnerability and growing population in Central Asia, accompanied by increased consumption of water, energy, biological, and land resources, pose significant threats to achieving not only the goals of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC but also the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the countries in the region.
- Understanding the interconnection of water, energy, food, and environmental security, and the necessity of preventing the increasing trend of losses caused by climate disasters, with special attention to vulnerable population groups.
- Acknowledging the successful implementation of the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for the Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB) and calling for its continuation and expansion in light of new trends, regional challenges, and cooperation directions among Central Asian countries.

Support for:

- Enhancing the effectiveness of regional cooperation through the implementation of practical joint initiatives, including the Regional Climate Adaptation Strategy for Central Asia, deepening cooperation particularly in managing transboundary climate risks and shared natural resources, developing regional projects and programs, and engaging in dialogue for joint preparation for global climate negotiations at COP29 UNFCCC and other platforms.
- Efforts by regional countries and the international community to prepare more ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement by 2025, considering the high vulnerability of Central Asian countries, ecosystem-based approaches, striving for carbon neutrality, gender aspects, and the involvement of the private sector, civil society, and youth.
- Promoting innovative climate financing mechanisms, integrating climate risks into national fiscal policies, and developing comprehensive adaptation plans and strategic documents for carbon neutrality, considering NDC goals, national budget capacities, private investment engagement, and support from international development partners.
- Accelerating the transition to clean energy in Central Asia as part of efforts to mitigate climate change impacts through the promotion of renewable energy sources, enhancing energy efficiency, and regional electricity trade.
- Close cooperation with the scientific community to expand the evidence base for adopting and implementing effective climate adaptation solutions and approaches.
- Initiatives by countries making significant contributions to addressing climate challenges and promoting Central Asia on the international stage, such as:
 - The Republic of Kazakhstan in organizing the Regional Climate Summit in 2026 and establishing a Climate Change and Green Energy Project Office for Central Asia in Almaty, which will serve as the summit's working body.

- The Kyrgyz Republic in implementing the "Decade of Actions for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027" and establishing a Regional Center for the Implementation of Energy-Efficient and Resource-Saving Technologies in Bishkek.
- The Republic of Tajikistan in the Dushanbe Water Process and hosting the Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" in Dushanbe.
- Turkmenistan in establishing a Regional Center for Climate Technologies in Ashgabat.
- The Republic of Uzbekistan in organizing the Samarkand Climate Forum in 2024 and establishing an International Climate Technology Expo Hub in the Aral Sea region.

Call to Action:

We call on all partners to support the Central Asian Climate Change Conference as a regular platform for regional cooperation, experience sharing, and consolidating efforts to address climate change.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia for the professional organization of the event and preparation of a comprehensive program, to the government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for their hospitality, and to the World Bank, the Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP), the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), and other partners who supported the organization of this important conference and contributed to its program.