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Tenth Meeting of the Council of the Heads of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO CHS) took place in Tashkent on 10-11 June 2010, the capital of Republic of Uzbekistan. The meeting was attended by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan N.A.Nazarbayev, Chairman of the People's Republic of China Hu Jintao, President of the Russian Federation D.A.Medvedev, President of the Republic of Tajikistan E.Rahmon, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan I.A.Karimov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic R.A.Kazakbaev.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan I.A.Karimov chaired the meeting.

Secretary-General of the SCO M.S.Imanaliev and Director of the Executive Committee of the SCO Regional Counter-Terrorism Structure (RCTS) D.M.Djumanbekov participated in the meeting.

Heads of delegations from the SCO observer states – President of Mongolia T.Elbegdorj, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan A.Zardari, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India S.M.Krishna, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran M.Mottaki, as well as guests of the host state – President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan H.Karzai, President of Turkmenistan G.M.Berdimuhamedov were in attendance and delivered speeches. Meeting was also attended by the Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe J.Kubiš, Chairman of the Executive Committee – Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States S.N.Lebedev, Secretary-General of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation N.N.Bordyuzha, Deputy Secretary-General of the Eurasian

Economic Community M.H.Musataev, Deputy Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations S.Sisouvong.

In an open and friendly atmosphere profound exchange of opinions on wide range of issues of contemporary international and regional situation took place. During the meeting main outcomes the SCO performance since Yekaterinburg 2009 summit were considered, milestones of joint work on the development of comprehensive cooperation within the Organisation were outlined. The coincidence or closeness of views on discussed issues was noted. Common approaches of the SCO Member States were reflected in Declaration of the Tenth Meeting of the Council of the Heads of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

The Regulations on procedure for admitting new members to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and Rules of Procedure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation that are designed to assist to enhance the legal bases of Organisation's activity were approved.

The reports of Secretary-General of the SCO and Director of the Executive Committee of the SCO RCTS on performance in 2009 had been heard and approved.

The Plenipotentiary representatives of the Member States of the Organisation signed the Agreement among the Governments of the SCO Member States on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Combating Crime.

Member States intending to carry out close mutually beneficial cooperation in the framework of the SCO in all spheres in order to strengthen the role of the Organisation as an effective mechanism to ensure security, stability and prosperity in the region and worldwide as a whole.

Member States reaffirmed their readiness to continue joint efforts in combating terrorism, separatism and extremism in all their dimensions, fight against illicit drugs trafficking, weapons smuggling, other transnational criminal activities as well as illegal migration. The parties agreed to deepen cooperation and coordination of activities for the effective implementation of the SCO Counter-Terrorism Convention, Cooperation Program on combating terrorism, separatism and extremism for 2010-2012 and other documents signed within the SCO.

The parties agreed to strengthen anti-terrorist activities with the SCO observer states, to continue active participation in the regional anti-terrorist efforts in the framework of partner network of regional organisations and their counter-terrorist structures.

Results of the Fifth Meeting of the Secretaries of Security Councils of the SCO Member States had been approved (Tashkent, 23 April 2010).

The parties noted with satisfaction the beginning of establishing of the mechanism of counter-narcotics cooperation in the framework of the Organisation.

The parties acknowledged the expediency of continuing of the cooperation on international information security. The implementation of the Agreement among the Governments of the SCO Member States on Cooperation in the Field of Ensuring International Information Security will be facilitated.

Member States highly appreciated cooperation on ensuring safety of large-scale joint events in the framework of the SCO and agreed on dissemination of this practice among observer states.

The parties also highly appreciated the efforts of China on preparation and holding of EXPO-2010 in Shanghai.

The SCO is still focused on coordination of activities to overcome the negative consequences of global financial crisis and ensuring sustainable development of the economies of its Member States. In this context they noted timely adoption by the Member States of the Organisation on national level of measures to stabilize the economy and financial system which will promote the increase of the Member States' anti-crisis capabilities and regional economic cooperation.

The parties acknowledged the necessity of consistent implementation of the goals outlined in the Joint Initiative on intensification the multilateral economic cooperation to overcome the consequences of the global financial economic crisis and ensure further development of the SCO Member States' economies, adopted in Beijing on 14 October 2009. In this context, the Parties stressed the importance of the First Meeting of Ministers of Finance and Heads of Central (National) Banks of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Member States held in Almaty in December 2009.

The parties underlined the expediency of strengthening the role of the SCO Interbank Consortium and Business Council in intensification of contacts between banking and business communities in order to enhance the economic cooperation in the region.

The Member States welcome the holding of the first visiting meeting of the SCO Business Council in Ulan Bator and express their support for further extension of contacts between business communities of the member and observer states.

The Member States positively assessed the course of the implementation of the Programme of Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation of the SCO Member States and the Action Plan on its implementation. The respective agencies will go on with joint efforts to carry out particular projects on priorities outlined in these documents.

The Member States acknowledge the importance of cultural and legal cooperation to strengthen good-neighbourliness and friendship within the Organisation and stand ready to expand practical cooperation in this field in an active manner.

The Member States noted the positive outcomes of the First Meeting of Heads of Ministries and Agencies responsible for science and technology, the Meeting of Chairmen of Supreme Courts, as well as regular meetings of Ministers of Culture, Heads of Ministries and Agencies of the SCO Member States responsible for elimination and prevention of emergency situations.

The Members States are pleased to note that the adoption at the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution "Cooperation between the UN and the SCO" dated 18 December 2009 opens new opportunities for further strengthening of cooperation between two organisations on the issues of security and stability, economic, social and human development, as well as in other areas of mutual interest.

The Member States welcome the signing of the Joint Declaration on Cooperation between the SCO and the UN Secretariats (Tashkent, 5 April 2010), which determines the basic principles and priorities of the collaboration between two organisations. Expanding contacts with the United Nations, its agencies and institutions will have a systematic and practical nature and will be carried out within the interests of the SCO Member States.

The Member States stated for the strengthening cooperation with observer states and the SCO dialogue partners, large potential, resources and markets of which could be involved into the joint activity in the Organisation framework.

The Member States noted with satisfaction the active participation of SCO observer states – India, Iran, Mongolia and Pakistan in activities of mutual interest within the SCO, and welcome the signing of the Memorandums on granting the Republic of Belarus and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the status of SCO dialogue partner.

The Member States stated for continuing the activity on developing legal framework on extending the number of participants in the Organisation. The Council of National Coordinators will prepare a standard Memorandum and other documents regulating legal, organisational and financial aspects of the membership to the Organisation for entering states.

In the view of forthcoming SCO tenth anniversary Member States deem it necessary to hold next year solemn events and to adopt Action Plan for 2010-2011, which will define Organisation's priority activities within that period.

The next meeting of the SCO Heads of State Council will be held in 2011 in Astana. According to the SCO Charter the duties of a state holding chairmanship of the Organisation in the coming period are to be taken over by the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Heads of state highly appreciated the chairmanship of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the SCO and expressed gratitude to the Uzbek side for its hospitality during Tashkent summit