

STATE COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETS TO DISCUSS BOMCA-CADAP IMPLEMENTATION IN KYRGYZSTAN

To exchange experience and knowledge about existing border management and drug trafficking prevention practices in Kyrgyzstan and its neighbors and continue further a dialogue on these important issues of regional concern, the State Coordination Committee meeting was convened in Bishkek on 7 February 2008. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mamytov, Chairman of the National Security Council, and attended by Mr. Moldoshev, Chairman of the Border Service, Mr. Alymbaev, Director of the Drug Control Agency, and other implementation partners from the Government of Kyrgyzstan, European Commission and UNDP.



The main objective of the new, sixth phase of the BOMCA Programme is to demonstrate to Central Asian Governments the benefits of a European Union IBM approach for the facilitation of trade and transit, through model projects at Border Crossing points on major Central Asian trade corridors. The European Union will foster Institutional Reform in border management; strengthen training capacities in Central Asia; continue strengthening infrastructure capacities along trade and transit corridors in Central Asia.

As discussed during the meeting, establishment of the Interagency Commission on IBM Strategy development by the Kyrgyz Government is a timely and necessary initiative which the European Commission welcomes and supports.

RENOVATION OF THE MERKE RAILROAD BORDER POST PREMISES

The renovation of the premise of the Border Post MERKE railroad crossing is finalized. The Centre is equipped with modern electronic equipment to help the border controllers of the Merke BCP to develop their professional skills.

Renovation works on the Kazakh side of the Kyrgyz – Kazakh border at Merke railway station BCP were completed in late 2007. Merke railway station is the only railway border crossing point on the Kazakh territory which links railway traffic between Kyrgyzstan and Russia transiting through Kazakhstan.

The official opening is envisaged in May 2008 which includes a training session and the official hand over of the IT Equipment as a part of the renovation project to provide the Border post with modern training material.



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