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Statement

**of His Excellency Mr. Chingiz Aidarbekov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of
the Kyrgyz Republic, to the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of
the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries**

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Distinguished Chair of the Group,

Distinguished participants,

Dear colleagues,

Allow me to express gratitude to the Kazakh party for arranging this event and active work as the Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries.

The Kyrgyz Republic is actively supporting and implementing the key points of the Vienna Programme of Action as the important element of the Global Agenda for Development.

Since the adoption of the Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action in 2019 we have done a considerable work at the national level. Particularly the Kyrgyz Republic continue to implement the National Development Strategy before 2040 and Export Development Programme till 2022.

In framework of the proclaimed Year of Regional Development, Digitalization and Children Support regions of the Kyrgyz Republic are working on export production development of theirs.

Simultaneously with the mentioned activity the Kyrgyz Republic is also cooperating actively with the UN programmes and agencies, international and regional organizations.

Distinguished participants,

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the importance of transport and transit corridors connecting our economies and supporting the development of our countries. This issue is especially topical for Central Asia as the countries of which are significantly remote from main naval ports.

We saw how it was complicated to deliver medicines, humanitarian aid, to promote the return of our nationals who were abroad. The pandemic and its economic consequences also demonstrated the importance of support to trade and economic cooperation and promotion of unimpeded transit of freight.

We consider that the limitations of quarantine measures should not turn into "economic isolation". We need to seek to minimize the barriers and strengthen the transit potential.

Kyrgyz Republic as well as the rest of the world continue to fight the pandemic which led to the fall of economic development rates, mutual trade, disruption of demand and supply chains, growth of budgets' deficit and unemployment.

In this regard we consider that such circumstances demand to pay attention to the importance of debt relief. In this context we welcome the G20 initiative on implementation of the debt moratorium for developing countries. In addition I would like to mention the High-level Meeting on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond taken place on May 28 this year. During this event H.E. Mr. Sooronbai Zheenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, noted the importance of a "deep" debt restructuring and the importance of more broad implementation of debt-to-sustainable development projects swaps.

We consider that such approach will create necessary conditions for the more sustainable recovery in future.

Distinguished participants,

We expect that the outcomes of the today's event will shape new dimensions of actions on Sustainable Development Goals implementation by the landlocked countries and give additional impetus to the cooperation development.

I wish all the participant of this meeting the successful hosting of the event and fruitful discussion.

Thank you for the attention.