

## Press Release

### **National Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic for Preventing Corruption has been established**

President's Degree No. 476 **“On Immediate Actions against Corruption”** anticipating establishment of the **National Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic for Preventing Corruption** and a special supervising body – **National Council for Combating Corruption** has been signed on 21 October 2005 in order to increase effectiveness and coherency of anticorruption policy, to develop fundamentally new approaches to fight against corruption and ensure systematic measures aimed at prevention of corruption.

Please note that establishment of anticorruption body is one of the priorities of the State Strategy of Fight against Corruption. In addition, articles 6 and 36 of the UN Convention against Corruption, ratified by Kyrgyzstan in 2005, also fixed the obligation of member-countries to arrange establishment of the specialized body for prevention and counteraction corruption. Moreover, similar recommendations on creation of a single anticorruption body have been stated by international experts of OECD, UNDP, OSCE, USAID and many others.

Review of the corruption problem in Kyrgyzstan makes clear that efforts of law-enforcement bodies to increase the number of investigations of corruption offences do not necessarily decrease the level of corruption because conditions generating corruption remain unchanged. Fight against corruption is lacking a thorough analysis of corruption prerequisites, coherence and consistency which should be provided by a single anti-corruption body. At the same time it is necessary to ensure a reasonable combination of punitive and preventive measures in policy and promotion to be implemented by anticorruption service in cooperation with law-enforcement bodies, bodies of public administration and with the support of the civil society.

Establishment of the National Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic for Preventing Corruption is targeted at ensuring of a single public policy in the field of fight against corruption. This body is charged with development and implementation of activities for eradication and prevention of conditions generating, provoking and supporting corruption; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of anti-corruption public policy implementation; increasing of public intolerance towards corruption behavior and assistance in self-organization for fight against corruption.

National Council of the Kyrgyz Republic for Combating Corruption will unify the efforts of state and public institutes in the fight against corruption. The Council will be a form of participation of civil society in decision making against corruption, in monitoring of activities in this field. Council will be formed on parity basis of both representatives of all branches of power and representatives of the civil society because effectiveness of fight against corruption will mostly depend on interaction and joint responsibility of all branches of power and the public for the process of improvement of the state and society.

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