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On 12-13 July 2013, regular meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states was held in Cholpon-Ata (Kyrgyz Republic), which was attended by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan K. Sh. Sarybay, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic E. B. Abdyl daev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan H. Zarifi, and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan A. H. Kamilov .

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic E. B. Abdyl daev.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary General of SCO Dmitry Mezentsev and Director of the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure of the SCO Zhang Sinfen.

On preparation for upcoming Summit of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States in Bishkek, Ministers discussed issues of further deepening and improvement of multi-faceted cooperation within the Organization and enhancing the role of the SCO in international and regional affairs. A thorough exchange of views took place on topical international issues and the situation in the region, as well as the expansion of the SCO relations with other countries and multilateral organizations.

The heads of delegations stated that after the meeting of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States in Beijing on 6-7 June 2012, a great work has been done for development and deepening of multifaceted cooperation in the field of security, as well as in the political, economic, trade, cultural, and humanitarian fields. A number of decisions on substantive and organizational components of the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States in Bishkek were adopted.

The heads of delegations exchanged views on the current international situation. They noted the similarity and convergence of approaches of SCO member states on relevant global and regional problems which is conducive to creation opportunities for partnership in international affairs. Ministers confirmed the general intention to deepen cooperation and coordination between foreign offices.

The heads of delegations noted that there are serious processes that affect the realities of modern politics and the economy in international relations. The primary task is jointly to react effectively to global threats and challenges, in order to sustain socio-economic development in the area of the SCO.

The heads of delegations expressed their deep concern about the situation that has developed in the Middle East and North Africa, and called for peace, stability, prosperity and progress in the region on the basis of universally recognized norms and principles of international law.

The heads of delegations pointed out that the peace and stability in the region depends on the development of situation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, reaffirmed the central role of the UN in international efforts to resolve the situation in Afghanistan, and supported the desire of the Afghan people for the restoration of peace and the revival of the country. SCO stands for the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as an independent, peaceful, neutral, prosperous, and free of terrorism and drug-related crime state.

Member states actively and purposefully oppose international terrorism, separatism and extremism, transnational organized crime, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, as well as weapons, ammunition and explosives, threats to information security, illegal migration, support further improving cooperation in these areas within regulatory framework .

The heads of delegations considered it necessary to take action towards establishing a workable system of joint struggle against drug trafficking, creation of a reliable barrier against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, as well as to counter the spread of drug addiction.

They are in favor of cooperation with other interested States, regional and international organizations and agencies on this issue.

The heads of delegations noted that the strengthening of mutually beneficial cooperation between the SCO member states in economic, trade, investment, finance, transportation, telecommunications, agriculture, and innovation areas contributes to the sustainable development of the member states of the Organization. Expressed willingness to step up efforts to prepare joint projects in these areas and continue the establishment of financial support mechanisms for new projects within the Organization's frameworks.

The heads of delegations called for further development of cooperation in the scientific, technical, cultural and humanitarian spheres, as well as in the areas of health and tourism, elimination of consequences of natural disasters and catastrophes.

Signing within the framework of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States in Bishkek Agreement between the Governments of the SCO Member States on Scientific and Technical Cooperation is intended to give a new impetus to the development of cooperation in this sphere.

The heads of delegations commended the work of coordination and preparation of the Plan of Action for the years 2013-2017 on implement the provisions of the Treaty of Long-Term Good-Neighborly Friendship and Cooperation between the SCO Member States.

The heads of delegations instructed to continue work on the draft of the Procedure (the Rules) on Provision of the Status of the SCO Member State and the new version of the Model Memorandum on Obligations of Applicant State for Obtaining of SCO Member State Status.

The heads of delegations noted the continued expansion of international relations of the SCO and growing authority of the Organization in the world as a whole. They confirmed that the member states, guided by the open nature of the Organization, intended to further strengthen cooperation in international and regional affairs with the UN and other international and regional organizations.

The heads of delegations confirmed the need for greater involvement of the SCO observer states and dialogue partners of the SCO to practical cooperation within the framework of the Organization.

SCO Secretary-General D. Mezentsev reported on the work of the Secretariat for the last year, which was approved by the ministers.

The heads of delegations welcomed the ongoing presiding party preparation work for upcoming Bishkek meeting of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States.

The heads of delegations welcomed China's efforts to improve the conditions of work of the Secretariat of the SCO.

The meeting took place in a friendly and mutual understanding atmosphere.