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Statement by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek S. Bakiev,
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at the High Level Plenary Meeting of the 60th session of the
UN General Assembly

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Dear Mr. Chairman,
Dear participants of the Summit,

The present Summit is taking place on the year of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations, as a milestone not only for the further destiny of the Organization, but also for the whole world community, and for the entire international affairs' system. This Forum gives us a rare opportunity to find collective answers and to develop joint approaches on such current global needs and threats as poverty, hunger; disease, international terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

While giving the credit to the foresight of the organization's founders, we should note, that the activity the United Nations Organization can and should be further advanced in view of modern realities and the prospects of world development.

Today, people of our countries justifiably expect from all of us the measures for the further transformation of the United Nations Organization as an effective tool in handling the problems of the new Millennium.

In this regard, Kyrgyzstan supports the need for reform of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization and also the strengthening of the coordinating functions of Economic and Social Council. We also support the expansion of the Security Council of the United Nations, its geographical coverage and increase of efficiency of the Council.

Mr. Chairman,

The Kyrgyz Republic confirms the full and comprehensive adherence to the universal goals and objectives reflected in the Millennium Declaration. The national mid-term program of actions developed now in Kyrgyzstan will be closely connected to the Development goals.

We intend to provide for strengthening of system of the democratic government and economic growth in the country through realization of the national program. We believe, that realization of the program will help to solve the outstanding social and economic problems, including in overcoming poverty, struggle against corruption, increase of standard of living and creation of conditions for the comprehensive human development.

At the same time, the high level of external debts is one of the barrier costing on a way of sustainable development, in our republic, with 94 % of its territory covered mountains.

Mr. Chairman,

The big external debt for which repayment we spend significant means, does not enable to render our regions due support for development. Kyrgyzstan supports necessity of definition of a comprehensible level of debts and acceptance of urgent measures on simplification of debt burden for developing countries.

Positive decision of the Paris club concerning reduction of the external duty of the country would become an important factor of the further social and economic development of Kyrgyzstan, and in the long-term will promote achievement by our country of the development goals, formulated in the Millennium Declaration. In our opinion, the world community it is necessary to consider the problem on granting additional support to developing countries for realization of the Goals of sustainable development with reference to mountain territories.

This 2005 is exceptionally important for Kyrgyzstan and forever will enter into its centuries-old history. On March 24th our people have resolutely pronounced their commitment to the democratic way of development and high ideals of freedom.

The new leadership of the Kyrgyz Republic is committed to making every possible effort for overcoming the gap between ordinary people and authorities. We want, the world to see the positive effects of the changes in Kyrgyzstan and we call on the international community to render active support and the help to our people in order to address the problems of sustainable development.

Since early 90-th of the last century our country has passed a complex way. On a share of people of Kyrgyzstan many difficulties and tests have dropped out. Despite of all complexities of a transition period, our people to much has learned, has like ideas of freedom and democracy, has mastered bases of market economy, using the advanced economic recipes and the international experience.

Protecting fundamental principles of freedom and democracy in the Kyrgyz Republic, we have laid down the broad foundation for the development of a civil society. I am confident the country's renovation is impossible without a voice of people. We are deeply convinced that civil society should be the partner of authority, and human rights – by basic value of a society.

Having left updated of March revolution, the civil society of the country has precisely and clearly put before the new Government of a problem of creation of the transparent government and dismantle of corruption.

In the uncompromising struggle against corruption we are committed to use the mechanisms accepted in the international practice. We already have taken first steps. In June this year when the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan ratified the Convention of the United Nations against corruption. The State strategy of struggle against corruption, the Plan of action on its realization is developed, active work on creation of uniform national anticorruption body is conducted.

We are firmly committed to eradication of corruption in each cell of an organism of a society, since the remote settlements and finishing the maximum state structures of the country.

Protection of human rights, realization of democratic principles in practice, instead of in words, is one of priority problems of new Kyrgyzstan.

We consider, that maintenance of effective protection of human rights is the important precondition of maintenance of the world, stability and prosperity, as in each of the countries, and on a global scale.

For the Kyrgyz Republic is a great honor to be among community of the free nations which have been established the foundation for the UN Democracy Fund recently in New York. Entirely supporting creation of Fund, we trust, that its activity will give a powerful impulse to promotion of democracy in many countries of the world.

The firm adherence to the international obligations on observance of fundamental human rights and freedom of speech, assemblies, mass-media, to leadership of the right and democracy, including the rights of refugees, Kyrgyz Republic has already shown concrete affairs.

In this connection, people of Kyrgyzstan has the right to hope, that it will not appear in loneliness with the problems, that the United Nations and other international organizations, the countries-donors, will render it due support and the help in its noble aspiration to freedom, democracy and to development.

Mr. Chairman,

In summary I would like to express hope that a present high Forum will make the important step to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals accepted by us. The Kyrgyz Republic is in turn ready to make all from it depending for the prompt implementation of high principles of the world, stability and the development, incorporated in the Millennium Declaration.

Thank you for your attention.