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**Distinguished Members of the National Development Council!**

**Dear Participants!**

We discussed the development of important documents – the National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan (to 2030) and the Midterm Development Program of the Republic of Tajikistan (2016-2020) with our development partners and civil society partners two years ago. It is the third year we are implementing these papers.

Ensuring sustainable economic growth by undertaking preventive measures and protecting our national interests is an important task for all of us.

In this context, the major objective for developing and implementing these strategically important documents in the long-term and midterm period is to mitigate the vulnerability of our economy from potential external shocks, explore and develop effective mechanisms and internal sources of sustainable economic growth, ensure sustainable economic growth, expand productive employment, stable access to energy and create a favorable business environment.

In addition to this, strengthening social protection, ensuring access to quality foodstuff, improving water and sanitation, nutrition, ensuring social cohesion and reducing gender inequality in its all forms, and environmental sustainability will remain important areas in the activities of all government branches.

In this regard, the effective and efficient use of human and natural resources, including the diversification of the national economy and improvement of its competitiveness, as well as the transition from an agrarian to an industrial model of development are also among the most important tasks of us.

To achieve this transition, the Government will strengthen its policy in terms of the creation of production enterprises; effective use of natural resources such as water, land and subsoil resources; the development of energy, transport, information and communications infrastructure; human development; resilience of macroeconomic and social components; and a balanced regional development in the nearest future. In this process, we will make efforts to enhance the activities of governmental institutions, improve the effectiveness of local executive authorities, and strengthen the role of business and civil society.

I have to note that alongside with the Government, the private sector also plays the main role in implementing the strategic documents and the Development Partners’ input will be more significant compared to previous years of this process.

The Government of Tajikistan always favors the expansion of cooperation and partnership in the process of implementation of the SDGs and has been following this policy with regard to the implementation of the country’s strategic papers.

### **Annex 3 – President’s opening statement**

In particular, this cooperation is the main guarantor of our success in addressing issues related to the creation of production and social infrastructure, which will lay a real foundation for improving the population’s living standards and thereby increasing the share of the middle class.

We have been reaching our target indicators gradually thanks to the efforts of the Government of Tajikistan, the support of development partners and the proactive role of the private sector. However, alongside with this, we need to continuously study the factors affecting our socio-economic development and explore the sources of improvement of effectiveness of the implementation of our strategic objectives.

With this regard, in my recent Address to the Parliament, I advised the Government of the country to thoroughly analyze the implementation of programs and apply every possible opportunity to ensure their quality implementation, at the same time improve the effectiveness and competitiveness of all capacities significantly and continue the national economic reforms.

I believe the discussion of the issue proposed within the agenda of today’s Session is very important for exploring opportunities for the effective implementation of the strategic papers of our country.

I am confident that the analyses, outcomes of discussions and proposals made in this Session will make it possible to develop necessary recommendations on effective implementation and specification of the ongoing strategic documents.