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Excellency,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Kyrgyz Republic expresses its sincere gratitude to the Embassy of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic for fruitful collaboration in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in the country.

Within the framework of UNDP project, funded by the Government of Japan on *"Strengthening Integrated Risk Governance Capacities of the Kyrgyz Republic and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia"*, there have been planned the construction of two avalanche monitoring stations in 'Dolon' (alongside Bishkek-Naryn-Torugart road) and 'Chapchyma' (alongside Chatkal-Alabuka-Aksy road) mountain passes.

At the planning stage towards constructing above avalanche stations, Kyrgyzhydromet officially requested to change the place of 'Chapchyma' avalanche monitoring station to 'Bashky-Terek' village of the same Chatkal district.

The agency justifies another place by the following circumstances:

- An "Alternative North-South Road # 3" is going to be constructed in the future to connect Talas and Jalalabad oblasts through Karabuura district of Talas oblast and Chatkal-Alabuka-Aksy districts of Jalalabad oblast through 'Chanach' mountain pass. The total length of this new road is 210 km, whereas its 'Chatkal-Alabuka-Aksy' part connecting Chatkal and Aksy districts through 'Chanach' mountain pass is 58 km, of which 18 km are avalanche prone.
- Currently, there is an existing road connecting Chatkal-Alabuka-Aksy districts through 'Chapchyma' mountain pass. The total length of this road is 335 km, of which 65 km are avalanche prone.
- After construction of the new road in the future, the 'Chapchyma' mountain pass will remain approx. 100 km. far from the new road and it may happen it might be used during spring, summer and autumn only.
- On the territory of Chatkal district, alongside new road through 'Chanach' mountain pass, there are two big gold mining companies which are 'Chaarat' (investor England) and 'Chanach-Gold' (investor Australia). These two big companies currently are also investing in building new road.

In the light of the above, UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic would like to express its prior consent on the requested change, however we would appreciate having received your suggestions and/or comments, if any, preferably by October 20, 2017.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you and the Government of Japan the assurances of my highest consideration.

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