**Minutes of the meeting**

**between Mr. Boronov K.A., Minister of Emergency Situations and Mr. Avanessov A.N., UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Kyrgyzstan**

**Date and time: December 27, 2013, 15:00 PM**

**Venue: MES KR, Bishkek**

**Participants of the meeting:**

***From UNDP:***

Mr. Avanessov Alexander Nikolaevich, UN Resident Coordinator /UNDP Resident Representative in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Ibragimov Daniyar, Policy and Programme Analyst “”Env/DRM”

Mr. Kaldarov Mukash, UNDP Programme Chief Technical Advisor

Mrs. Taranchieva Asiya, Programme Budget and Finance Specialist

Ms. Sharshenova Nazgul, Coordination Specialist

***From MES of KR***

Mr. Boronov Kubatbek Aiylchievich, Minister of Emergency Situations

Mr. Baisynov Nurbek Akmatalievich, Advisor of Minister

Mr. Mambetov Azamat Muratovich, Head of International Cooperation Unit

***From Secretariat of the National Platform on Disaster Risks Reduction (SNP DRR)***

Mr. Bekjanov Minbolot, Head of SNP DRR

**Issues discussed**

***- Provision of financial support for plenipotentiary representatives of MES KR for working at the Center for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction (CDRRR) in Almaty.***

**Mr. Boronov:** As you knowagreement on establishingthe Center for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction in Almaty was signed between MES Kyrgyzstan and MES Kazakhstan in May this year. Currently ratification process of Agreement is facing with certain difficulties associated mainly with the contribution to be made by both parties. Owing to this, Kazakhstan fully covers the administrative costs of the building (CDRRR office) and MES Kyrgyzstan under the Agreement should nominate its two representatives for working at the Center.

**Mr. Avanessov:** UNDP in Kyrgyzstan expresses its willingness to provide financial support for two specialists/experts of the Center, as representatives from Kyrgyzstan and conveyed to the Minister the signed letter.

***- Procurement of equipment under Japanese Project implementation***

**Mr. Boronov:** UNDP Programme team works in a well co-ordinated way. I would request to expedite procurement of equipment as the MES’s organogram is under the signing by the Prime-Minister and Fire-Rescuing Facilities should start functioning, therefore please expedite procurement of equipment.

**Mr. Avanessov:** Within UNDP itself, the year of 2014 has been announced as the year of quality and monitoring of outcomes. We are satisfied with a work of UNDP DRMP team. Agreement on procurement of 6 Mazda vehicles was signed with the supplier and currently they are on the way to Bishkek, and we do hope to get them end of January 2014.

**Mr. Boronov:** Is it possible to get the entire equipment in the earliest possible way?

**Mr. Avanessov:** From our end we will expedite the tendering process for the entire equipment, we expect May month to be the latest time of deliveries, however we will undertake all necessary efforts to maximally expedite deliveries in April 2014.

**Mr. Kaldarov:** We have reached an agreement with the Embassy of Japan and JICA regarding procurement of certain portion of radio-communication equipment through already available Long Term Agreements (LTA) and we hope that procurement process would be expedited thereby. The international tender will be announced for the rest portion of equipment in line with UNDP requirements.

***- «Green projects»***

**Mr. Boronov** made a suggestion to organize a round table at the end of January with involvement of scientists in order to discuss the implementation of “green” projects in the country and noted that he had already met with scientists like Mr. Aidaraliev and Toktoraliev and discussed this issue with them. He also shared with gained knowledge on approaches and methods of “green” projects.

**Mr. Ibragimov:** There is a possibility to include “green” projects into the next GEF-6 under the thematic areas as land degradation and climate change, which are closely interrelated with disaster risk reduction. He underlined that support of the Minister will be needed when the project proposals are to be considered by Inter-Agency Commission of GEF-6 projects.

**Mr. Boronov** expressed his personal interest to participate in the meetings of Inter-Agency Commission.

**Mr. Kaldarov** highlightedthat according to a letter received from MES on implementing “Green” projects, UNDP Programme hired Alliances of NGOs and already 91 potential “green” project sites have been identified where the implementation of “green” projects are applicable. Approximate total cost amounts to $720 K and suggested under the aegis of MES to appeal to all international organizations and partners on co-funding participation. In its turn UNDP Programme has already included into its budget $ 30 K for implementation of “green” projects in selected sites of Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken oblasts.

**Mr. Avanessov:** There is possibility to get co-funding from the Government which is interested in implementation of joint projects.

***- Provision of support to Secretariat of the National DRR Platform***

**Mr. Boronov:** Is support going to be continued to further develop SNP DRR.

**Mr. Avanessov:** We are ready to consider and support it positively; we will identify the needs; we principally support the National Platform.

**Mr. Kaldarov:** For the purpose of institutional development theSecretariat of the National Platform should get official status through introducing amendments into the law on “Civil Protection”. Unfortunately, draft Government Resolution was approved by the Government due to such gaps. From other hand if SNP DRR becomes as the Public Union, its status will not be conducive to implement the mission and mandate of the Secretariat. It necessitates to submit for Government’s consideration a draft resolution.

**Mr. Bekjanov**: Draft resolution was not approved by the Government office because of amendments are required to be introduced into relevant normative acts.

**Mr. Boronov** instructedMr. Bekjanov **on necessaty** to initiate amendmentsto the law on “Civil Protection”.

**Mrs. Taranchieva:** Amendments regarding SNP status are prepared to be introduced to the law on civil protection.

***- Rental of Kyrgyzhydromet office***

**Mr. Avanessov** made a request to help in getting registered the earlier signed Lease Agreement between UNDP and Kyrgyzhydromet at the State Property Fund.

**Mr. Boronov:** All required measures will be undertaken and instructed accordingly his staff.

***- Miscellaneous***

**«***Rossotrudnichestvo***»**

**Mr. Boronov** was interested on the status of projects prepared for **«***Rossotrudnichestvo***»**

**Mr. Avanessov:** Gave a brief background on establishing of **«**Rossotrudnichestvo**»**, which was created as an instrument for providing development assistance by the Russian Federation for developing countries. Kyrgyzstan was selected as a pilot country for implementation of projects. In the course of planned my trip to Moscow I could interest and learn more on this subject.

**Korea**

**Mr. Boronov:** We are also interested in cooperation with the South Korea and we are in touch with our Embassy in Korea.

**Mr. Avanessov:** Ambassador of the South Korea in Kyrgyzstan is interested to bring Kyrgyzstan on board of the Korean Development Assistance Framework (KOICA). If Kyrgyzstan is included into this program, possibilities for cooperation will be extended.

**Japan**

**Mr. Boronov** is interested of working with the Government of Japan and stated that during the Global conference held in Sendai in July 2012, the Government of Japan has declared on allocation of USD 3 billion to developing countries in the area of DRR.

**Mr. Ibragimov:** The Japan has declared that for the next 5-6 years the measures in the area of emergency situations would be strengthened and it would provide a support for the next 3 years. Everything will depend on success of the first stage of Japanese grant and at the end of the next year we hope to get funds two times more for the next years. It is realistic to get USD 5-6 millions under Hyogo Framework for Action.

**Mr. Kaldarov:** Next year the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan is expected to visit for participation in the regional event under “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue and it was offered to combine this event with upcoming regional conference planned under Japanese project for 2014. He informed that the Embassy of Japan is interested that by the time of arrival of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan the project proposal should have been agreed in principal.

**Mr. Avanessov:** The second application is considered by Japanese side positively including avalanche project. I would suggest combining the arrival of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, mid this year, with the upcoming regional conference and promoting it together. While transferring of equipment it is required to organize a press-conference with the involvement of the Ambassador of Japan.

**Mr. Boronov:** We can call a press-conference even with participation of President or Prime-Minister.

**China**

Mr. Kaldarov: Memorandum on cooperation is signed between Center of Excellence for Risk Assessment and Management in Shanghai (CERAM), MES and CAIAG. Director of the Center Mr. Jiahong Wen visited. During his visit in October one of the most important issues was that the National Center on DRR of China is planning to organize a visit of Kyrgyz delegation to China for discussing cooperation in the area of DRR under Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Memorandums signed with CERAM and the being planned visit of Kyrgyz delegation to China all together further accelerate necessary conditions for joint projects and possible joint application for calls being regularly announced by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China.

**Mr. Avanessov:** UNDP Country Office works on this issue with UNDP China and recently Mr. Pradeep Sharma has visited China for discussing possible areas for cooperation under ‘South-South” Collaboration.

**European Union**

**Mr. Avanessov:** Currently project proposal is being prepared for DIPECHO – VIII and UNDP intends to submit application for further consideration by above organization.