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# THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH OF KYRGYZSTAN

**ON THE EVE OF THE CONFERENCE "STOCKHOLM+50: A HEALTHY PLANET FOR COMMON PROSPERITY – OUR RESPONSIBILITY, OUR OPPORTUNITIES"**



To the President of the Kyrgyz Republic,  
Zhaparov S.N.,  
To the Chairman of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic,  
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To the Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision  
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## THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH OF KYRGYZSTAN

on the eve of the conference "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for common prosperity – our responsibility, our opportunities"

We, the youth of Kyrgyzstan, appeal to government agencies and key partners with the position that was the result of the national consultations "Stockholm+50: A Healthy planet for common prosperity – our responsibility, our opportunities" of the youth task force, which brought together more than 85 young activists from all regions of Kyrgyzstan.

*In this position, we outlined the key requirements for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for the Kyrgyz state authorities on the eve of the Stockholm+50 conference.*

*The triple planetary crisis (climate change, loss of biodiversity and waste pollution) in the context of Kyrgyzstan threatens the future and present of the young generation and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.*

*But the ideas of the younger generation and their contribution to the negotiation processes are extremely important for the successful achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and objectives of the Stockholm Declaration. After all, the principle of intergenerational justice is the cornerstone of the fight against the triple planetary crisis.*

Today's generation of young people in the world is the most numerous in the history of mankind. In Kyrgyzstan alone, young people make up 26% of the total population.

*We, as the youth of Kyrgyzstan, are as proactive and mobile as possible, have significant potential, susceptibility to innovative changes and to a unique symbiosis of traditions and new technologies. Our activism is implemented through various initiatives: greening cities, creating innovative business incubators, and through the introduction of sustainable green technologies.*

*But nevertheless, we are still facing problems to increase the potential and education of young people, to include young people in decision-making, where the share of young people in civic participation is only 0.51 percent (unicef.org), discrimination based on age and gender, and insufficient support for youth initiatives in the regions.*

Despite all these difficulties, young people have the spirit and drive to continue working together to achieve sustainable development goals, to achieve a safe environment.

## OUR REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Understanding the urgent need for action to achieve a healthy planet and universal prosperity.

### **We call on the State bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic: PARLIAMENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC:**

- *As part of the inventory of laws, to exclude lowering the bar of environmental requirements for economic activity, to tighten sanctions for violation of environmental requirements;*
- *With respect to all regulatory legal acts, to require the conduct of five types of specialized examinations in accordance with the “Standards for the conduct of certain types of specialized examinations of draft laws in the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, Approved by the Resolution of the Housing and Communal Services, dated January 18, 2008 No. 75-IV”;*
- *As a matter of urgency, cancel the actions of the norms of laws that harm the environment of Kyrgyzstan, namely, cancel the norms of Law No. 41 “On Hunting” of March 13, 2014, allowing hunting of animals included in the Red Book of Kyrgyzstan;*

- *Adopt a law on the protection of green spaces in settlements of the Kyrgyz Republic;*

*To amend the Forest Code of the Kyrgyz Republic, No. 66 of July 8, 1999, regarding the recognition of forests as valuable ecosystems with climate-regulating functions and to give them, along with glaciers, a special protected status;*

- *To give a special protected status to glaciers and natural ecosystems bordering them, in order to preserve the country's water resources;*

*To amend the Law "On Pastures" of January 29, 2009, in terms of increasing the responsibility of nature users for the degradation of pastures, strengthening the monitoring of pastures;*

- *Strengthen parliamentary control over the implementation of the requirements of laws in the field of conservation and protection of the environment (including the implementation of the Government's Plan to improve the quality of atmospheric air);*

*To hold public hearings on socially and environmentally significant draft laws on a periodic basis with the involvement of young people from all regions of Kyrgyzstan.*

## **MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC:**

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- *Take urgent decisions on the problem of reducing solid and toxic household waste, unauthorized landfills through:*

*ban on the sale of single-use plastic products and bags,*

*urgent reclamation of existing landfills and construction of waste processing plants;*

*support youth startups for recycling;*

*attract private investment in the construction of sanitary sustainable landfills;*

*pay attention to the tourist areas of Kyrgyzstan, in particular, on the coast of Issyk-Kul.*

- *Strengthen actions to ensure clean water and sanitation in the regions of the country, namely:*

*to ensure access to clean water and sanitation for all residents of  
to immediately provide access to clean drinking water and sanitation*

*in social facilities of Kyrgyzstan, in particular, to build internal toilets in schools, to bring toilets in all schools of the Kyrgyz Republic into compliance with sanitary requirements and norms (2335 schools stat.kg and kindergartens), and provide an opportunity for hand washing.*

- *Organize a system for monitoring and controlling the use of pesticides and chemicals, hormones, growth stimulants, etc. in agriculture and food production;*
- *To expand environmental education of young people in the regions in the Kyrgyz language, namely, to include up-to-date relevant information about the environment, sustainable development and climate change in school curricula;*
- *Adopt a policy document on climate change education, education for sustainable development;*
- *To provide access to information about the environment through the high-quality operation of websites (updating the website of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic) in the state and official languages;*
- *Use the methodology for calculating the ecological footprint for various sectors of the economy, cities and settlements;*
- *Within the framework of the year of protection of mountain ecosystems - to carry out a comprehensive network of activities, including not only tree planting and clean-up, but also activities to improve the quality of life of people living in mountainous areas.*

**In turn, young people propose to conduct an information campaign for young people on the principle of equal to equal, that is, “Zhashtar zhashtardy ugat” - young people listen to young people.**

## **ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The role of youth during the COVID-19 pandemic was huge. Young people have made an invaluable contribution to the fight against COVID-19 through volunteering, including delivering food and medicines, providing information about the pandemic, contacting those in need by phone and/or on the Internet, or sewing and distributing masks, personal

protective equipment, collecting donations for medical equipment, as well as helping hospitals and doctors. The state should appreciate the significant contribution of young people and show solidarity in support.

To achieve sustainable recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic,

## WE CALL THE STATE BODIES OF KYRGYZSTAN:

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- *Measures have been taken to ensure access of the Kyrgyz population to quality medicine, as COVID-19 has shown the vulnerable sides of the healthcare sector, for example, 2% of the population of Naryn region does not have access to medicine at all;*
- *Stop the mass outflow of medical personnel and improve social conditions for medical workers (protection of doctors, social security);*
- *Take measures for the proper disposal of medical waste, raise standards in the field of sanitation, hygiene and measures against COVID-19;*
- *Taking into account the economic inequality in our society, the situation with which has greatly worsened after the pandemic, focus on solving the problem of poverty in all regions of Kyrgyzstan and providing assistance to the most vulnerable groups of the population: women and children;*
- *To minimize the existing socio-economic gap between the “poor” and the “rich” through an adequate social policy, namely:  
  
*increase pension payments to teachers, doctors, women housewives, parental leave (maternal and paternal decree),  
  
subsidize and support small businesses (organic businesses) through lowering tax rates and providing loans with a minimum rate**
- *To introduce "green" professions into the sectors of the economy, namely, to introduce new professions and qualifications in green professions into the education system with a focus on quotas for girls;*
- *To develop positive practice on digitalization of public services;*
- *In the context of the economic crisis after COVID-19, to stimulate the sectors of the economy to reduce the migration growth of young people - providing support to social orphans, conducting career guidance;*

- *Create favorable conditions for a safe school environment and social facilities through:*

*establishment of free social circles not only in large cities, but also in the regions;*

*carrying out systematic work to combat bullying and any other types of violence;*

*formation of boards of trustees in order to protect the interests of students;*

*providing affordable, comprehensive and safe school meals;*

*equipping with a modern heating system to ensure uniform heat supply to all classrooms and rooms*

- *Provide high-quality sewage treatment facilities (sewerage, appropriate infrastructure) in all regions of Kyrgyzstan.*

### **Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the Decade of Actions and Achievements for Sustainable Development**

When implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, Kyrgyzstan has not identified personal persons, institutions responsible for achieving the SDGs, valid data on SDG indicators have not yet been collected, and tools for monitoring progress in achieving the SDGs are not working.

### **WE PROPOSE TO THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF KYRGYZSTAN:**

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- *Implement steps in the use of sustainable renewable energy sources to achieve the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as the country committed to by 2030 at the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (SDG No. 13);*
- *Take measures to reform the education system according to three principles: accessibility, quality and safety, since education is an important component in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG No. 4);*

- *Gender stereotypes, discrimination, corruption lead to the complication of the implementation of the SDGs, for this we urge to provide assistance and create equal conditions for the implementation of projects to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG No. 5);*
- *Ensure access to clean water and sanitation (SDG No. 6);*
- *Support the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems (SDG No. 15);*
- *To promote the involvement of young people in decision-making in the context of climate change, in the implementation of strategies and a work plan to accelerate the SDGs, because youth, being an integral part of society with special functions in it, ensures its dynamic development and acts as a link in adapting society to changing circumstances.*

## Ensuring an inclusive decision-making process

### WE URGE:

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- *Adopt joint and inclusive decision-making processes at every level to ensure meaningful participation of all stakeholders, with a focus on youth (increase quotas in OMS, housing and communal services), workers, vulnerable groups, indigenous peoples and local communities;*
- *To include young people in the development of national and regional strategic development plans of Kyrgyzstan (National strategies, national adaptation plans, green economy development projects);*
- *Increased investment in children and youth, support for civil society organizations, young entrepreneurs and marginalized groups;*
- *To ensure greater inclusiveness, participation and cooperation with youth in the development, implementation and evaluation of environmental policies for sustainable development and to ensure quotas of youth delegates in official delegations to participate in all international meetings, conferences and summits (Stockholm +50, COP-27, UN summits, etc.).*



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