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PRESS RELEASE

The European Union and UNDP Hand Over Constructed and Equipped Multi-Agency Dog Training Centre to the Government of Tajikistan

Dushanbe, 1 June 2012 – The Border Management in Central Asia Programme (BOMCA) handed over constructed and equipped Multi-Agency Dog Training Centre to the Drug Control Agency under the President of Tajikistan today. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Yuri Fedotov, Under-Secretary General/Executive Director of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Mr. Alexander Zuev, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Tajikistan, Mr. Eduard Auer, Ambassador /Head of EU Delegation in Tajikistan and Mr. Rustam Nazarov, Director of Drug Control Agency under the President of Tajikistan.

The project site includes a training building with accommodation facilities for 25 dog handlers, veterinary and delivery units, in-door training facilities, puppy-dog facility, an isolation unit for sick dogs and a check point. The Centre is equipped with computer and office equipment, furniture, veterinary and medical equipment, kitchen equipment and a library with training materials.

Total construction budget together with furniture and equipment provided for the Centre amounted to € 500,000.

The Dog Training Centre in Dushanbe is aimed at preparation of dog handlers from law enforcement agencies (LEAs) of Tajikistan which will lead to the enhancement of their dog training capacity and hence increased drugs seizures.

In addition to infrastructure, dog handling courses regularly organised in Almaty and Tashkent by BOMCA for dog handlers from Central Asia are aimed at upgrading the participants' practical and theoretical knowledge of dog handling techniques in search of drugs and explosives including inspection of vehicles and passengers' baggage.

Within the framework of the EU-UNDP BOMCA assistance programme, the European Union fosters institutional reform in border management, strengthens training capacities, assists in securing the Tajik-Afghan border, improves the infrastructure along trade and transit routes, and helps counter drug smuggling in Central Asia.

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