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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Kyrgyz and Tajik Local Authorities Met to Discuss Trans-Border Cooperation

*Kairakkum, Tajikistan (12 December 2012)* – Thirty-five members of a cross border working group representing local authorities and law enforcement agencies from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan met today to share experience and knowledge in improving trans-border cooperation between communities living by both sides of the border. During the meeting, local authorities of Sogd oblast of Tajikistan and Batken oblast of Kyrgyzstan discussed results of implementation of 2012 Working Plan, acknowledged its successful implementation in current year and approved the Action Plan for strengthening trans-border cooperation for the next 5 years. The meeting provided participants with opportunities to discuss specific issues of cross-border cooperation.

On 11 December, representatives of local authorities and law-enforcement agencies from Isfara city and region of Batken oblast had a one-day training session in Isfara, Tajikistan on improvement of transborder cooperation between border communities of these two regions.

It is expected that both events, arranged by the EU-UNDP Border Management in Central Asia (BOMCA) Programme together with UNDP Programme on Integrated development of the territory of Batken oblast, will contribute to strengthening cross-border cooperation and understanding between Tajik and Kyrgyz local communities.

The overall objectives of BOMCA are to help increase security in the Central Asian region, to contribute toward the facilitation of legitimate trade and transit, and to reduce the illicit movement of goods and people.

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