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To: Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
(UNCCD)

Subject: High level note on LDN targets in the Republic of Tajikistan

The Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and has the honor to express its gratitude for cooperation.

The Republic of Tajikistan fully supports the initiative of the UNCCD and the Global Mechanism on aiming to achieve land degradation neutrality on the global scale by 2030. Our country, located in the mountainous region, has limited land resources suitable for agriculture. However, two thirds of our population lives in the rural areas and, thus, highly depends on land-based livelihoods. Therefore, we, at the Republic of Tajikistan recognize the urgency and significance of the land degradation issues.

Land degradation is one of the priority targets for our Government and was reflected in the National Sustainable Development Strategy. Currently, there are several projects and initiatives related to land degradation working in the country. One of such projects is the Land Degradation Target Setting Program that is implemented with support from the UNCCD Secretariat, Global Mechanism, UNDP and other international development partners.

In line with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 15.3, which states: "By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world" we decided to set the following voluntary targets on Land Degradation Neutrality in the Republic of Tajikistan:

1. Cultivated 11,321 hectares of new irrigated land, including 1,771 hectares at the expense of the state budget, 9,550 hectares at the expense of state investment projects and domestic and foreign direct investments.
2. Restored 5,580 hectares of land withdrawn from agricultural circulation at the expense of the state budget, local budgets, funds from industry services,

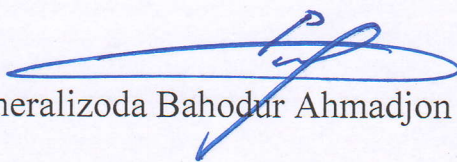
which in total will allow attracting 16,901 hectares of irrigated land to agricultural production.

3. The area of forests transferred under management plans will be 685,000 (ha).

4. The area allocated for pasture management plans will be 83,000 (ha).

At the same time, the Committee supports the publication of the LDN targets in the Republic of Tajikistan on the UNCCD website.

The Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification the assurances of its highest consideration.



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