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## Memorandum of Understanding

### For further enhancing parliamentary democracy in the Kyrgyz Republic

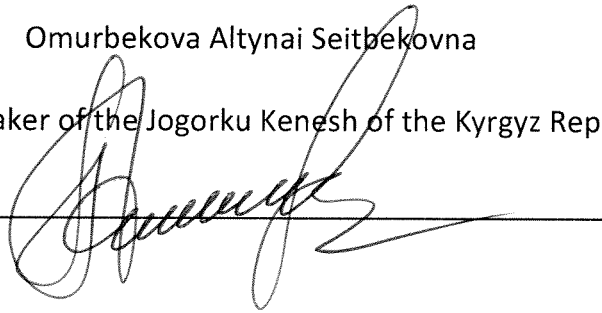
The parliamentary democratic system is an achievement of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic embodies mechanisms to provide for the enjoyment of citizens' rights and the distribution of democratic dividends in terms of development, security, stability and prosperity. The achievements in entrenching the parliamentary democratic system over the last seven years have been remarkable and serve as a spur to further sustaining the progress.

Therefore, we wish to reaffirm our trust and support of the country's efforts to enhance the democratic governance system through an effective parliamentary democracy which can represent all its citizens in a faithful, responsive and timely manner. In doing so we want to underscore the importance and our commitment to promote the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda and its goal 16 aiming at the creation of peaceful, just and strong institutions, to support the implementation of the Strategy of Development of the *Jogorku Kenesh* in line with the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic. For this reason, Switzerland has welcomed the request of the Chairman of the Parliament to provide assistance to the Parliament as a crucial body for creating a stronger than ever sense of participation and inclusiveness by the citizens and therefore contributing to the well-being, stabilization and economic development of the Kyrgyz Republic. With this aim the United Development Program (UNDP) has been chosen by the Parliament to implement a ten-year prospective project denominated "Strong and Inclusive Parliamentary Democracy" which specifically aims to enable the Parliament to improve oversight of the executive and provide an opportunity for citizens to be included in the process of decision- and policy-making, and to empower civil society actors for more effective monitoring and influencing the performance of parliamentary and state accountability institutions, allowing citizens to hold the Parliament and government accountable and benefit from a more accessible, effective and responsive government.

In the understanding of the crucial importance of these goals and we wish hereby to reaffirm our joint intention to maximize the effectiveness of our cooperation, in particular through the “Strong and Inclusive Parliamentary Democracy” project, and to provide an effective and practical assistance to the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic in their enjoyment of democratic values.

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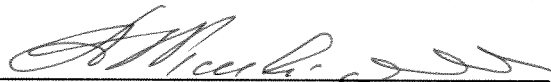
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