

Statement of Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to UN Office in Geneva Daniyar Mukashev at ID with Assistant UN Secretary General on human rights A.Gilmore, Item 5.

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Mr. President (Vice-President)

We have studied the report of UN Secretary General on "Cooperation with the UN, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights" of August 13, 2018. We appreciate the work of the UN system in promoting human rights around the globe and agree that interaction between the state and civil society is a guarantee of stability and development in all spheres.

The report contains information on alleged acts of intimidation and reprisals for cooperation with UN mechanisms, among which my country is mentioned.

We consider it imperative to emphasize that, according to the independent court's decision, the Anti-Discrimination Center "Memorial" and the NGO "Human Rights Movement "Bir Duihno-Kyrgyzstan" were not recognized as terrorist and extremist organizations.

Instead, the court called the alternative report of the ADC "Memorial" and NGO "Human Rights Movement: Bir Duihno-Kyrgyzstan" that had been sent the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrants Workers to be extremist and inciting ethnic hatred in Kyrgyzstan and containing implicit calls for inciting interethnic conflict.

In particular, the report with reference to unknown sources points to radical nationalism of people of Kyrgyz nationality and discrimination against people of Uzbek nationality in Kyrgyzstan.

Let me underline that the state authorities of my country act strictly within the legal framework, as well as in line with the ratified human rights covenants and conventions, and in this particular case in compliance with the legal basic principles and policies of countering extremist activities, as well as with procedural norms.

In this regard, we believe that the measures taken by Kyrgyzstan are not aimed at intimidating or using some illegal actions, but rather at complying with generally binding rules of conduct that take into account the objective needs of the society on the basis of equality and justice in order to avoid any arbitrariness and preserve law and order in society.

At present, Kyrgyzstan is in official contact with the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrants Workers regarding this case, and we intend to answer all questions of the Committee and clarify this situation and those of other cases in the spirit of constructive dialogue with UN mechanisms.

Thank you.