



The State Registration Service
at the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic



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Concluding Statement

of the third High-Level Steering Meeting

On the Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness in the Kyrgyz Republic

We, the participants,

Understanding the importance of addressing statelessness problem for ensuring human rights and security,

Reaffirming our commitment to reduce cases of statelessness and take measures to prevent statelessness in accordance with the pledges of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic,

Commending the results so far achieved in preventing and reducing statelessness, in particular by documenting and/or naturalizing thousands of undocumented persons, stateless or at risk of statelessness, thereby providing them with full access to rights.

Welcoming the support received by UNHCR and other international organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels,

Recognizing the importance of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness;

Considering that the Action Plan on the Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness in the Kyrgyz Republic was adopted in 2009 and revised at the second conference in 2011,

Have reviewed and adopted the following updated National Action Plan:

1. To continue steady exchange of Soviet passports by the State Registration Service of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic with passports of the Kyrgyz Republic;
2. To complete the survey on undocumented persons, stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness and consider taking appropriate actions aimed at finding durable solutions to their legal status;
3. To continue sensitizing stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness about their rights, duties, relevant legislation and procedures;
4. To bring relevant laws, by-laws and administrative practices in compliance with the 2007 Law on Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable international standards, including the elaboration of fair statelessness determination procedure;
5. To ensure the birth registration and issuance of birth certificates to all children born on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic through analysis and improvement of legislation and administrative practice in accordance with the National Child Act and the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child;
6. To ensure adequate implementation of the Citizenship law of the Kyrgyz Republic, develop and adopt provisions on accelerated procedure for the naturalization of spouses of Kyrgyz citizens residing on the territory of Kyrgyzstan;
7. To take practical steps towards accession to the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness;
8. To take stock of the implementation of, revise and update the present Action Plan once per year.

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