



The UNHCR Representation in the Kyrgyz Republic

of the Fourth High-Level Steering Meeting

**Concluding Statement** 

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 and third High-Level Steering Meetingss on statelessness in 2011 and 2012,

Have reviewed and adopted the following updated National Action Plan:

- 1. To continue exchange of Soviet passports of 1974 with passports of the Kyrgyz Republic (State Registration Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic).
- 2. To continue accepting and considering the Kyrgyz Republic citizenship applications from stateless persons living in the Kyrgyz Republic, and their naturalization in the Kyrgyz Republic (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; Citizenship Commission under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic).
- 3. To complete the data collection on undocumented and stateless persons in the Kyrgyz Republic, work out actions aimed at determining durable solutions to their legal status. and enhance the work of local self-governments in the identification of stateless persons (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; State Agency on Local Self-Governments and Inter-Ethnic Relations under the Government of the KR; Ministry of Interior of the KR; Ministry of Labor, Migration and Youth of the KR; Ministry of Social Development of the KR).;
- 4. To continue sensitizing stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness about their rights, duties, relevant legislation and procedures (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; State Agency on Local Self-Governments and Inter-Ethnic Relations under the Government of the KR).
- 5. To brisk up the work on amending the Law "On Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic" and other laws and by-laws regulating citizenship and statelessness issues, and ensure their implementation (Ministry of Justice of the KR, State Registration Service under the Government of the KR).
- 6. To elaborate a statelessness status determination procedure in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with international standards (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; Ministry of Justice of the KR).
- 7. 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 relevant legislation and practice in

- accordance with the Child Code of the Kyrgyz Republic and the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; State Agency on Local Self-Governments and Inter-Ethnic Relations under the Government of the KR, Ministry of Justice of the KR; Ministry of Finance of the KR).
- 8. To ensure implementation of the Citizenship law of the Kyrgyz Republic and corresponding by-laws relating to simplified procedure of obtaining the citizenship of Kyrgyzstanby foreign spouses of Kyrgyz citizens residing on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; State Agency on Local Self-Governments and Inter-Ethnic Relations under the Government of the KR; Citizenship Commission under the President of the KR; State Committee of National Security of the KR; Ministry of Interior of the KR).
- 9. To enhance the activities towards accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the KR; State Registration Service under the Government of the KR; Ministry of Justice of the KR).
- 10. To take stock of the implementation of, revise and update the present Action Plan annually (State Registration Service under the Government of the KR).

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