

AGREEMENT

Between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan on granting citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan the right of renunciation of the citizenship of the Republic of Tajikistan through a simplified procedure and acquisition of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic through a simplified procedure.

The Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

based on the aspiration of people of the two countries towards the retention and enforcement of the historically and traditionally friendly links and relationship of good neighbors,

confirming the commitment to the generally acknowledged principles of the international law in the area of human rights and freedoms,

willing to create the environment that enable the citizens to exercise their right to choose and acquire citizenship of the other Party on the basis of their freely expressed wish,

have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Republic of Tajikistan shall grant citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan residing in the Kyrgyz Republic the right to terminate their citizenship through a simplified procedure, in accordance with the list provided by the Kyrgyz Republic through diplomatic channels.

Order of compilation of the list shall be regulated by a separate provision of the Kyrgyz Republic as an attachment to this Agreement.

The list shall reflect the following background data:

Family name, first name and the middle name, date and place of birth, latest address of residence in the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 2.

1. The Kyrgyz Republic shall grant citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan, mentioned in the article 1 of this Agreement the right to acquire citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic through a simplified procedure.

2. An applicant for a simplified procedure of acquisition of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall submit the following documents to the bodies of internal affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Application for acquisition of the citizenship, in the format established by the bodies of interior;
- Application for renunciation of the citizenship of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Copy of a passport or other ID;
- Copy of birth certificates of children;
- Copy of a marriage certificate.

3. The total duration of the period of time required for consideration of an application for citizenship shall not exceed three months.

4. Citizens mentioned in the article 1 shall keep their previous citizenship pending the positive decision in respect to their application for simplified procedure of acquisition of the citizenship.

Article 3.

Provisions of this Agreement shall apply to citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan who have arrived to the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and have acquired the official refugee status by the date of effectiveness of this Agreement.

Article 4.

Acquisition of citizenship and renunciation of citizenship of the Parties shall be based upon the free expression of the will of persons concerned.

Article 5.

Citizenship of underage children shall be changed respectively in case their parents have changed their citizenship and become citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic. Data of children shall be reflected in the lists in accordance with the Article 1 of this Agreement.

In case one of the parents of underage children is a citizen of one Party while the other parent has acquired the citizenship of the other Party, the citizenship of underage children shall be determined by a written consent of their parents reached in accordance with the national legislation of the Parties which must be reflected in an application to be submitted in accordance with the Article 2 of this Agreement.

If parents of underage children live separately, the children must be of the same citizenship as the parent who is taking care of the children, unless otherwise agreed by the parents.

Article 6.

The parties shall agree on the format, volume and deadlines for exchange of information associated with the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 7.

The Parties shall exempt persons affected by this Agreement from all kinds of duties and fees payable at acquisition and renunciation of the citizenship of the Parties.

Article 8.

All disputes and contradictions arising from the interpretation of provisions of this Agreement shall be settled by means of negotiations and consultations.

Article 9.

Upon mutual consent of the Parties this Agreement may be amended and complemented through a separate protocol which shall be an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 10.

This Agreement shall be subject to ratification and shall become effective as of the day one of the Parties has received the last written notification of ratification by the other Party.

This Agreement shall be terminated in 6 months after one of the Parties receives a from the other Party a notification in writing of the intention to terminate this Agreement.

Done in the city of _____ in _____ 2002 in two copies, each one in the Tajik, Kyrgyz and Russian languages, whereas each text has the same power.

In case of any contradictions in the interpretation of provisions of this Agreement the text in the Russian language shall be authoritative for interpretation purposes.

For the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Republic of Tajikistan