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**Dear Mr. Chairman,
Dear Mr. President,
Board of Governors,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

On behalf of my delegation and the Government of Tajikistan, I would like to express gratitude to the Government of Indonesia for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to us, and thank the management and staff of the Islamic Development Bank for the excellent organization and preparation of this meeting.

Also, it gives me great pleasure to convey to His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, and through him to all the staff of the Islamic Development Bank, the best wishes of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon and his high appreciation of the level of cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Islamic Development Bank.

We view this meeting as an important step in strengthening the mutually beneficial cooperation and establishment of even closer ties, both with IDB and with the countries of the region.

It should be noted that given the slow and uneven recovery of developed economies, many emerging economies are continuing to take measures to preserve and return to the acceptable rates of economic growth.

According to expert estimates, the global economy is projected to grow at 3.4 - 3.6% in 2016 and 2017. In accordance with the expected global economic growth, the rise in global activity will be more gradual than previously expected, especially in the emerging markets. It is expected that the recovery in the developed markets will remain gradual.

In the globally interconnected economy, a crisis in the developed countries reflects negatively on the developing countries, which are vulnerable to external shocks.

In 2015, despite the effects of the global financial and economic crisis and increased pressure on our economy, Tajikistan managed to maintain a positive economic growth and a stable macroeconomic position: a 6% growth rate and 5% inflation rate.

However, during the past year, the key sectors of the economy were heavily influenced by the external factors, and this process, to some extent, had a negative impact on trade, balance of payments and the health of the state budget.

Last year, the continuing negative trend in the global markets resulted in lower prices for Tajikistan's main export commodities and products and led to greater influence of external factors on the national currency.

To mitigate the negative consequences, the Government adopted a Plan of Additional Measures, which provided for a series of measures to ensure a growth in the real sector,

increased state support for entrepreneurship, and maximization of internal and external investments. The adopted measures also incentivize industrial enterprises, job creation; extend cooperation with trade partners and international financial institutions.

It should be stressed that a number of public and industrial programs, including the first National Development Strategy, are at their completion stages.

To accelerate the achievement of current priorities and to set future socio-economic development objectives, the Government developed the National Development Strategy of Tajikistan to 2030.

In the new strategy, the three declared National Strategic Goals remain, but in the future, gain new qualitative formulations. These involve a transition from *energy independence* to *the efficient use of electricity*; from *overcoming communication deadlock* to a transformation into a *transit country*; and from focusing on *food security* to ensuring people's *access to quality nutrition*.

In this process, priority will be given to the efficiency of the real economy, human development, industrial diversification, strengthening of institutions and sub-national development.

The strategy provides for the continuation of country's sustainable development through industrialization and innovation, through greater resource efficiency and more effective use of opportunities in all spheres of social and economic life. We are already implementing measures to reduce the vulnerability of the national economy in the long term.

Tajikistan also implemented a range of measures to improve the investment climate for the private sector development and for job creation. This process is carried out in close cooperation among the central and local governments, Development Partners, the private sector and the civil society.

Islamic Development Bank - a reliable and strategic partner of Tajikistan, which works with us to achieve our strategic goals.

It is gratifying that our Partnership Strategy focuses on the important sectors of the economy in the context of regional cooperation.

The role of the IDB in financing and investing in energy and transport projects, as well as other priority sectors, merits special attention.

Overall, we appreciate the high quality and level of the ongoing cooperation between Tajikistan and the Islamic Development Bank.

We support the Bank's efforts to improve people's quality of life, to realize the potential of our economy and to ensure the development of the region at large.

Thank you for your attention.

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.