



Commonwealth of Independent States

Regional position of Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States
on migration issues for the 2013 High-level Dialogue on
International Migration and Development of the United Nations General Assembly

Conference "Labour Migration as a Factor of Development
in space of the Commonwealth of Independent States"

JOINT STATEMENT

We, the executives and representatives of migration agencies of Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the representatives of the CIS Executive Committee responsible for migration issues,

reaffirming the major influence of the United Nations Organization as a global international platform for the formation of fundamental principles for national migration policies of the CIS States,

appreciating the increasingly growing role of the High-level Dialogue on Migration and Development of the UN General Assembly in facilitating constructive discussions on the multi-dimensional nature of international migration,

noting the transnational nature of migration today and the importance of regulating migration processes, including regulation at the inter-governmental, regional and global levels,

recognizing the important role of migration processes in the socio-economic and demographic development of the CIS region,

reaffirming the commitment to the generally recognized principles and norms of international law and the obligations of CIS Member States under international treaties in the field of migration,

expressing the aspiration to pursue a coherent migration policy within the Commonwealth,

make the following joint statement on efforts:

1. *To continue developing* common approaches to regulation of migration processes in order to achieve maximum results from realizing the potential of migration in the interest of the development of the CIS,
2. *To continue undertaking* joint activities aimed at regulation of migration for education purposes, seasonal migration, short-term and long-term migration, as well as at the development and strengthening mechanisms for the organized recruitment of migrant workers to ensure stable social and economic development in the region,
3. *To continue working on* promotion of adaptation and integration of migrant workers in host countries of the region, as well as on providing information to migrants in countries of origin with the aim of creating favourable conditions for labour mobility and improving the effectiveness of Inter-State cooperation in the area of migration management,
4. *To continue working on* improvement of cooperation in the area of the approximation of statistical data collection methodologies and information exchange on foreign citizens as well as on enhancing the legislative and normative frameworks of the States of the Commonwealth in view of the advances in information technologies,
5. *To continue working on strengthening* cooperation within the existing international platforms for countering irregular migration while observing existing humanitarian obligations and principles based on the experience of crisis management in other regions and taking into account growing challenges of our time.