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“One-stop-shop” will simplify the registration process of entrepreneurs

IFC, the member of the WB together with the Tax Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan organized the discussion of the results of Tajik delegation travel on learning the experience of Azerbaijan at the implementation of “One-stop-shop” (OSS) principle when state registration of enterprises and entrepreneurs. It consisted of the representatives of Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tax Committee, business associations and international organizations.

“In order to implement “OSS” in our country, it is important to take into account system features, improve technological and communicative features between different ministries, agencies and territorial form of tax committees, which will register and maintain records of entrepreneurs” - said Dustmurod Murodov, head of legal department of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan,

The implementation of the new registration system will give an additional impulse to economic reforms and development of business environment in Tajikistan. The Government of RT with the assistance of international organizations exerts every effort to improve the investment climate and simplify the registration system in the sphere of small and medium business.

“The Project Law on “State registration of juridical persons and individual entrepreneurs” was prepared by the State Working Group with a glance to international best practice, especially the CIS countries. It covers all issues of the most effective ways of OSS implementation in Tajikistan. At the present the issue is still being discussed - says Matlyuba Uljabaeva, chairman of the national association of small and medium business in Tajikistan.

Entrepreneurs think that (“Business environment in Tajikistan as seen by small and medium business – 2006”, **IFC**) the registration process for Tajik entrepreneurs took from 16 to 40 days in 2006, while the registration system under the “OSS” principle will allow it to reduce this period up to 5 working days.

The travel took place with the assistance of **IFC**, **EU** and **USAID** business enabling environment project in Tajikistan.

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