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To the UN Resident Coordinator
in the Republic of Tajikistan
Mr. Michael Jones

The Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan presents its compliments to the UN Representative in Tajikistan and personally to you, dear Mr. Jones and thanks you for the provision of comprehensive assistance and constant support for the relief of pain and sufferings of the people of Tajikistan affected by natural disasters.

Torrential rains and heavy floods on the 5-7th May 2010 have caused severe damage to the population, economy and agriculture of Khatlon province.

In particular, the floods that were triggered by the increase of water level and burst of its banks by the **Tebalai river** in Kuljab city and its surroundings, more than 400 houses were flooded and damaged, 13 people died according to the preliminary data. According to the preliminary data, the majority of the livestock, 1100 heads of cattle, has been killed.

10 bridges as well as dozens of kilometers of roads were destroyed. 8 schools and child welfare institutions as well as 6 hospitals were damaged. Moreover, few cultural and community buildings were affected.

The agricultural sector has been affected the most. 3700 ha of land under food and industrial crops have been completely washed away. Many perennial plants have been destroyed. Most of the crop area was flooded.

More than 1300 people were temporarily evacuated from the zones of potential flooding while more than 2000 of people became homeless.

According to preliminary data, the ecological damage, caused by the disaster only in Kuljab city is equal to more than USD \$100 mln.

The hydro-meteorological service warns that torrential rains are expected in the next few days, which can cause new disasters of unforeseen scale.

Taking into consideration the current situation, we would like to kindly ask you to consider the possibility of provision of expert assistance in ensuring proper (temporary) conditions to the affected population and in liquidation of affects of the natural disaster.

Currently, there are acute needs in food and sleeping items, kitchen and hygiene sets as well as fuels and lubricants.

The Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan uses this opportunity to renounce its complements to the UN Representative in Tajikistan.

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