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Dear members and partners of the Green Alliance Kyrgyzstan, like-minded people and supporters of green initiatives,

With a little time left, we are saying goodbye to the year 2022 with 365 days spent in hard work, daily routine and pleasant and happy moments with your colleagues, friends and beloved ones.

This has been a very active year for both the Green Alliance members and the executive body. Each of our members has done a lot of work, and we appreciate everyone's contributions and thank them for being active in our commonly shared mission.

The executive body has actively sought out and established new ways to collaborate, bringing in new members and partners whose activities are consistent with the mission of the Green Alliance KG. There were indeed many events and they were published on our online platforms throughout the year, but it is worth noting the significant ones.

Members of the Green Alliance have developed and sent an appeal with recommendations on smog in Bishkek to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Mayor's Office of Bishkek, as it is important to take urgent measures to improve air quality for the health of the nation and there is no time for delays. We call officials to acknowledge that air pollution in Bishkek is grave and Green Alliance KG can advice proper measures to be taken if there is a political will.

We also sent an appeal regarding the signing of an agreement with Rosatom for a feasibility study for the construction of a nuclear power plant in Kyrgyzstan to the Ministry of Energy and Industry and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic. In a country with enormous hydro resources and the potential to provide energy through untapped opportunities (the country uses only 10% of its hydro potential) and the growing capacity of the country to introduce renewable energy sources, the construction of a nuclear power plant is, at a minimum, a hasty conclusion.

Members of the Green Alliance KG presented the National Position on Climate Change and appealed to the President and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic with a proposal to take urgent measures to improve the climate and social situation in the country, as well as to acknowledge the significant role of civil society as partners in this process.

We also worked on the issue of tax exemptions for the import and use of green technologies, and developed 12 green measures in agricultural sector and the Ministry of Agriculture submitted them to the Cabinet of Ministers for further implementation.

In addition to what was mentioned above, members of the Green Alliance conducted podcasts with support of the Radio Azattyk, where our colleagues had the opportunity to respond to questions related to climate change and environmental protection issues. A TV program Zhashyl Aiyl Charba (Green agriculture) was launched on national TV, which is conducted jointly between KTRK (Kyrgyz national TV corporation), Ministry of Agriculture, Green Alliance KG and Association of Agro-Industrial Complex Development, and GIZ acts as supporting partner. Also, quarterly digest (review of activities of our Alliance members) was launched.

The Green Alliance KG has invited organizations with similar values as new members, since our main mission, as our slogan says, is to unite people, ideas and opportunities. We are pleased that organizations and companies such as Aleyne Plus, THERMOFLEX, Kurama Story Lab, El-Too Public Institution, Open Innovations, Enterprise Business Solutions, Evidence Group, Doscredobank, and Bridges Hotel have become our full members in 2022. Each of them is making great contributions as part of our overall mission, and we all appreciate those contributions. We will continue to attract new members to our team in 2023 as well.

Partnership and cooperation remain a priority our mission. In this vein, the Green Alliance signed memoranda of cooperation (mutual understanding) with Kyrgyz Economic University named after M. Ryrskulbekov, Institute for Economic Policy Research, Green Finance Center Bishkek, and Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov. We are convinced that in this way our activities will be able to produce more productive results within the framework of our common interests.

I would, particularly, like to mention that the tragic events of September in the Batken province in connection with the military aggression by Tajikistan's dictator could not leave members of the Green Alliance intact. During these difficult days for the country, we organized an action to provide humanitarian aid to the victims in Batken province. In total, we were able to provide necessary goods and items equivalent of some 400,000 soms. Green Alliance collaborated with the "Bizdin Bishkek" movement in collecting and promptly transporting aid to damaged Batken villages. I am very thankful to each person, organization and member of Green Alliance KG that donated with kindness in heart and mind. Our help may, perhaps, be not that huge, but we are proud that we were at least able to provide support as much as we could, both to the affected civilians and to the military defending our borders.

We have joined the National Alliance of Business Associations (NABA). We are convinced that our membership in NABA KR will provide positive conditions for strengthening the green agenda together with colleagues and people sharing our values. We also hope that through this platform we can unite in the promotion of green initiatives, involving relevant stakeholders.

We collaborated with many stakeholders and partners throughout 2022, and we would like to express our gratitude to Ministry of Economy and Commerce¹, Ministry of Agriculture, Investment Council under the Ministers' Cabinet², United Nations Development Program³, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit⁴ (GIZ), and many other organizations and experts who were with us and contributed to green agendas in 2022.

³ Whole team including, Lira Zholduvaeva (Head of the Climate Change and DRM Cluster); Baktygul Ysabekova (Project Coordinator NDC and Long-Term Strategy for Carbon Neutrality Development)

¹ Mr. Seitov Choro (Deputy Minister); Mr. Ashirov Ermek (Head of the Strategic Planning Department)

² Mr. Koichumanov Talaibek (Chairman)

⁴ Whole team, including Asel Albanova (Advisor, Green Economy and Sustainable Private Sector Development in Kyrgyzstan)

Dear colleagues and supporters of green initiatives,

At the end of December (23.12.2022) we held our final meeting where members the Green Alliance KG were invited. The executive body provided a report on the work done, and those whose contributions were meaningful to the community and our shared mission were honored with letters of appreciation.

Below, I would like to express my acknowledgment to several members of Green Alliance KG for demonstrated high level of activism in 2022. I must also admit that each member of our Alliance, including those who are not mentioned here, had contributed very well to promoting green initiatives and agenda within their own level and capacity, which I am aware of and do deeply appreciate.

PF "Eco Demi" headed by **Aizhan Chynybaeva** made a great contribution to raising public consciousness on issues, problems of ecology and respect for the environment through the World Cleanup Day held on October 8, 2022. In sum, about 233512 people from all regions of the country took part in the environmental action, and almost 627 tons of waste was removed, sorted by type (plastic, glass, iron) and sent to waste processing plants. President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov signed a decree "On the National Day of Cleanliness and the Action Plan to create an effective infrastructure for the management of household waste for the period 2023-2025. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Move Green, led by **Maria Kolesnikova**, continued to be actively engaged in sustainable development in the country, focusing on cultural change in favor of environmental protection, and carried out a number of activities and events as part of the mission of the Alliance. Among many others, they built a public space - a bridge that leads to Kalys-Ordo residential area, actively promoted and defended initiatives against air pollution (smog) in Bishkek and Osh, protected the Ala-Archa reservoir, actively participated in the 27th Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), drew public and government attention to issues of urban space, infrastructure, transport, and landfill. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Anara Sultangazieva, head of Green Energy and board member of the Green Alliance, took an active part in two international summits, acting as a moderator of a panel discussion of the environmental block at the Youth Summit with delegates from the CIS, China, Turkey and Hungary, with 200-250 youth leaders from our republic being part of. Also, our colleague participated in the first international women's summit conference as a speaker. As a regional expert of the international project in Central Asia "Empowering young women in Central Asia in the energy and renewable energy sector" realized by the German-Kazakh University Cooperation, she made a presentation on the preliminary results of the study. It is also worth thanking her for her active participation in TV and radio programs voicing concerns on green economy and climate change issues on behalf of our mission. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Kaliya Moldogazieva, Director of the Center for Human Development "Tree of Life" has been investing her efforts in solving environmental problems in Kyrgyzstan for 25 years and has been active this year as well by speaking and participating at various platforms and TV-Radio programs. Greatly, her contribution helps us in the development of appeals and positions on key relevant to our mission's topics for the country and beyond. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would

like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Doscredobank, under the chairmanship of **Cholpon Eshberdiyeva**, has not only become the only bank - a member of the Green Alliance, but also the bank that more successfully promotes green services in the financial sector in Kyrgyzstan. Under the DCB Green project of Doscredobank, the Bank actively offers green lending for electric cars, installation of gas equipment and introduction of energy-saving green technologies in the tourism sector as few to mention. Most recently, Doscredobank opened the first electric charging station for electric cars in Boom gorge on half-way to Yssyk-Kul, where drivers can use it completely free of charge. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Azamat Temirkulov, the first chairman of the board of the Green Alliance KG, as head of the reform analysis and monitoring department of the presidential administration, actively participated in Alliance's events and continues to assist in key issues of our common mission. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Maral Sagynalieva, founder of Open Innovations and board member, represented the Green Alliance at the Preparatory Meeting of the UN Conference on the Mid-Term Comprehensive Review of the International Decade of Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028, which took place in New York. Also, our colleague participated in a workshop in Vienna, Austria, on empowering Central Asian women in the energy sector, where she was able to learn about best practices in climate change adaptation, as well as learn about a promising leading provider of sustainable fuels, chemicals and materials with a focus on solutions for the circular economy by 2030. As part of "Youth for the Future: A Regional Youth Conference on Climate Change in Central Asia," our colleague served as an expert and assisted the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the OSCE Program Office in organizing this event on behalf of the Green Alliance KG. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Begim Januzakova, Coordinator of the Green Alliance KG, together with our colleague **Cholpon Aitakhunova** - Regional Co-coordinator of the Regional Youth Network "Central Asia Youth for Water" (CAY4W), and coordinators from other Central Asian countries, held the first regional youth conference on climate change RCOY Central Asia in Bishkek. Begim also participated in the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27). We are happy that youth is actively involved in green agendas. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Nurzat Abdirasulova, board member of the Green Alliance and president of Unison Group, in addition to Unison Group projects, continued her active assistance and initiative in a number of Green Alliance events. Under her leadership, Unison Group has implemented projects and initiatives that are meaningful to our overall mission. Among others we would like to mention the implementation of detailed energy and seismic audits in nine selected public buildings in Osh city, Osh and Batken oblasts (3rd Cycle)" under the Heat Supply Improvement Project (HSIP) in public buildings; providing consultancy for developing measures within a human-centered design challenge for improving energy and resource efficiency; "Raising awareness of new build residents on air

pollution and developing measures in line with the Human-Centered Design challenge". The executive body appreciates our colleague's contributions to the mission of the Green Alliance KG.

We are proud to witness the opening of the third phase of the Kyrgyzstan Sustainable Energy Financing Facility –KyrSEFF worth of 50 million USD and the celebration of 10 years of successful project activities in Kyrgyzstan supported by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Union, all our partner banks, clients and suppliers, ministerial partners and team of Unison Group for impressive results in financing green projects and promoting policy dialogue on energy efficiency. Green Alliance KG believes that KyrSEFF will contribute even more to sustainable private sector development through energy and resource efficiency and climate change adaptation projects. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

Akmatova Kuluipa, Director of Rural Development Fund (RDF) and co-founder of Green Alliance KG, with her team of professionals has implemented a number of projects, including improvement of management of Chychkan gorge, preservation of spiritual and cultural heritage, support to development of green agriculture by local communities and actively participated in national and international events as part of her mission. In particular, RDF's project called "Go Green" aims to contribute to climate change mitigation by developing a value chain model in the agricultural sector that promotes biodiversity conservation, adapting production to environmental challenges, increasing productivity and creating social and local agribusinesses.

Since the creation of the executive body, our colleague has taken the initiative to provide the conditions for the effective work of the executive body and has provided space in her office. The Executive Body is very grateful to Akmatova Kuluipa for her partnership spirit, activism and facilitation of the activities of the Executive Body of the Green Alliance KG in 2022. ("Letter of Appreciation", Green Alliance KG would like to thank you for your active contribution in promoting the mission and goals of the Green Alliance KG in 2022)

This has been a particularly meaningful year for me, since starting in capacity of Executive Director I have been entrusted with the responsibility to lead the Green Alliance KG according to our common mission. I express my sincere gratitude to every member and partner of the Green Alliance KG for their support, understanding and joining efforts. Your support and trust are very important for our future achievements, and I hope very much that in 2023 our joint activities will continue to be dynamic and we will be able to contribute to the development of a green economy, to promote sustainable development, and to take appropriate measures on climate change issues for the common and future well being of our country.

I wish you all and your loved ones all the best in the New Year of 2023! Happy New Year dear colleagues!

Sincerely,

Executive Director Green Alliance KG

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