On preparations for the Fourth Meeting of the Heads of Ministries and Departments of SCO Member States Responsible for ICT Development

On May 15, 2025, a working meeting was held in the videoconference mode under the leadership of the First Deputy Minister of Communications and Informatization Pavel Tkach with the executives of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China.

The issues of preparation for the Fourth Meeting of the Heads of Ministries and Departments of the SCO Member States Responsible for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies were discussed. The draft agenda and minutes of the meeting as well as the draft Action Plan of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States in the field of digital transformation were agreed upon.

Reference. The Action Plan *of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization for 2025 provides for holding a Meeting of Heads of Ministries and Departments of the SCO Member States responsible for ICT development in China in the first half of the year.*

The event is held on a regular basis. The main goal is to implement the Concept of Cooperation of the SCO Member States in the Sphere of Digitalization and ICT approved by the Council of Heads of the SCO Member States on June 14, 2019 in Bishkek, and the Statement of the Council of Heads of the SCO Member States on Cooperation in the Digital Economy dated November 10, 2020 (Moscow).

The parties also discussed the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on strategic cooperation in the field of information and communication technologies between the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China.

The meeting was held in a constructive manner. Following the negotiations, an agreement was reached on developing cooperation aimed at further strengthening cooperation in the field of information and communication technologies.

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