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**"APK is a unique mediator in interethnic relations" (as a part of PLAN OF THE NATION - 100 specific steps)**

August 2015 in the hall of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan of National Academic Library hosted an international expert meeting "Plan of Nation - 100 specific steps - civic identity and multiculturalism: the experience of Kazakhstan and Europe".

The meeting took place on the day of the Law "On Mediation» № 401-IV, dated 28 January 2011 ensure into the force (Day of Kazakhstan mediation).

The initiators of the meeting were the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan, "Kogamdyk kelіsіm" RSI under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan jointly with the "Public Opinion" Research Institute.

The meeting was attended by heads of the secretariats of APK, director of "Kogamdyk kelіsіm" RSI, members of scientific and expert groups of APK, the representatives of the regional council of public consent of APK, council of mothers of APK, chairs of APK and mediators.

The moderator of the meeting was the director of “Kogamdyk kelіsіm" RSI under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Doctor of Political Sciences, deputy chairman of SEC of APK Natalia Kalashnikov.

Participants, including foreign experts spoke about the policy in concerning the identity of Kazakhstan and Europe. There were discussed emerging issues and challenges of mediation among young people and in the labor collective. In addition, speakers noted the defects and omissions in the work of mediators. Tatiana Dronzina, professor of Sophia University named after .K.Orkhidskii, Doctor of Political Sciences, external expert of APK (Sofia, Bulgaria) noted distinctive features of Kazakhstan mediation and achievements of the country in this area.

Raushan Kanapyanova - Professor of National and Federative Relations IGSA, Doctor of Political Sciences, Professor, President of the International Festival "Ethno speaker" noted that democracy and mediation aimed at solving common problems, told about the problems faced by Russian mediators in their work.

**Francisco Jimenez** - professor of the Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution of Granada University, the international mediator and **Antonio Lozano**, professor of Granada University, the external expert of APK (Granada, Spain) briefed participants on the work undertaken in the field of mediation in Spain and Europe.

Spanish experts highlighted the unifying factors of mediation in Kazahstan and Europe. Antonio Lozano focused on issues of conflict management, and ways to resolve them. A deputy of Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan Ahmet Muradov made a proposal to further support of mediation activities of APK by parliamentary group of Mazhilis. In his speech he noted that the success of mediators should be strictly enforced all laws in the country.

Memorable was the speech of the Deputy Minister of Justice, a member of SEC of APK Abdraiym Bakhytzhan, who stopped on important aspect of interaction of public structures of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan with state authorities. An interesting was the speech of the Chairman of Karaganda regional Maslikhat, Doctor of Law, Professor N.O. Dulatbekov, who addressed the history of the formation and the creation of biys (institute), main components that can be used in the parliamentary groups for the development of this tool and this institution .

Yulia Olegovna Denisenko - director of the Kazakhstan "Association of centers of religious studies" showed all problem areas and points of interaction through the context of confessions. On our view a lot of useful suggestions made Lyudmila Khisaevna Khochieva - head of Karachai-Balkar ethnocultural associations. She highlighted the mediation within the ethnic group and the preservation and development of the traditions of mediation that exist today in Kazakhstan and within the ethnic group.

At the meeting, participants asked foreign experts questions about interethnic situation in Spain and the activities of mediators.

International Expert meeting and exchange of views was the new understanding of APK activities related to public perception of it as a basis for mediation. It has become a uniting point, platform for building an effective model for interaction of mediators, a new contribution to the cause of development and further improvement of the institution of mediation in the country, raising the status of mediators in Kazakhstan.