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PRESS RELEASE

USAID AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HOLD INTERNATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE BEST PRACTICES PRESENTATION

Ashgabat, June 15, 2012 — Today, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), within the framework of its Governance Strengthening Project, held a presentation on “International Practice in the Management of Electronic Documents” in cooperation with the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan.

Representatives from several Government of Turkmenistan institutions participated, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Communication, the Ministry of Economy and Development, and the Ministry of Finance. Presentations were led by international experts Dr. Arvo Ott, Executive Director of the e-Governance Academy in Estonia, Dmitrii Trutnev, Deputy Director of the e-Government Center at St. Petersburg State University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics, and Michael Hoverter, Governance Strengthening Project practice leader at QED Group, LLC in Washington, DC.

International experts and Turkmen government officials discussed best practices in e-Governance in Estonia, Russia, the United States and other countries. Participants had the chance to analyze legislative components of building e-Governance systems, issues in governmental database management, and other countries’ experiences in managing e-Taxation and e-Health systems. The presentation, organized by the Governance Strengthening Project, underlined the importance of strengthening government institutions through the use of modern technologies in civil service.

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