

**Press release**  
**The National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic**  
**decided to keep the policy rate at 10 percent**

On November 30, 2015, the Board of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic decided to keep the monetary policy rate at 10.00 percent.

Positive economic growth rates are remaining in the Kyrgyz Republic. Economic growth in January-October of 2015, which made 4.8 percent, was mainly driven by the expansion of production at the “Kumtor” gold-mining company. Without “Kumtor”, the real GDP growth was 4.0 percent. At the same time, consumption remains as a principal component of GDP (about 115 percent to GDP).

Economic slowdown in countries – main trade partners of Kyrgyzstan determines weakening of external demand and decrease in capital inflow into the Kyrgyz Republic in terms of remittances. As of 9 months of 2015 the foreign trade turnover decreased by 18.2 percent (in f.o.b prices) as compared to similar indicator of 2014. Net inflow of remittances in U.S. dollar terms has decreased by 28.2 percent for January-September of 2015 as compared to similar period of the previous year.

In November, inflation rate decreased, the annual growth rate fell from 4.9 percent in October to 3.6 percent in November (as of November 20). This was primarily driven by growth rate of food prices and reduction in domestic prices for fuel and lubricants.

The National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic will continue to monitor the situation at the domestic foreign exchange market and continue forex interventions to smoothen large exchange rate fluctuations.

Further inflation dynamics will be determined by the situation in the foreign exchange market, dynamics of foreign trade relations within the EEU and the level of evenness of the state budget spendings.

The National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic will continue to monitor the situation in the national economy and will take appropriate measures of monetary policy consistent with statutory mandate.

The monetary policy will be aimed at achieving and maintaining the inflation rate at the level of 5-7 percent in the medium term, which is determined by the Main monetary policy guidelines of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic for the medium term.

The next meeting of the Board of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic on the monetary policy rate scheduled for December 28, 2015.