

**Dear Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Botswana,
Doctor Kwape!**

Dear Heads of Delegations!

Dear UN Under Secretary-General Ms. Rabab!

The Kyrgyz Republic delegation welcomes the decision of Botswana Presidency in the Landlocked Developing Countries Group to convene our meeting today. Given the ongoing turbulent and disruptive developments in global security and economy it is very timely to exchange views and agree on how we can best cooperate and advance our common interests.

Availing this opportunity, I congratulate Ms. Rabab with appointment as UN Under-Secretary-General, and wish her much success!

cooperation memorandum in the ancient city of Samarkand.