

**On measures to resettle and rationally allocate manpower and make effective use of land in Dasoguz, Lebap and Ahal Regions [north, east, south central Turkmenistan respectively].**

Over the years of independence, the Turkmen nation, guided by the programmes "New village" and "Grain", and implementing the programme "The main tendencies of social and economic reforms in Turkmenistan up to 2010", achieved unprecedented successes in the development of the country's agriculture. The annual rise in agricultural production is more than 20 per cent. Hundreds of thousands of hectares of fertile lands have been brought under cultivation and now produce large harvests of grain and cotton.

In line with the rise in the country's wellbeing, the country's population is increasing and the manpower reserves, which in turn requires the solution of issues connected with the allocation of manpower in densely-populated districts, employment, and the involvement of young people in labour activity by developing the newly cultivated lands and the creating the necessary social and economic conditions.

At the same time, among the overwhelming majority of honest people, who take a whole-hearted and conscientious attitude to their civic duty in strengthening the economy of the independent and neutral Turkmenistan, there are certain people who with their immoral behaviour disturb the tranquillity and damage the unity of the working population. They have lost the trust of the people around them and deserve public condemnation. And today we are restoring our ancestors' wise tradition, under which such people were resettled to remote places to be rehabilitated through work.

With the aim of further increasing the Turkmen nation's well-being in the golden 21st century, rationally allocating the manpower of densely-populated districts, creating favourable conditions for the productive work of the young generation, further enhancing the culture of farming on the lands that are being brought under cultivation, and increasing the effectiveness of agricultural production, I resolve:

1. To create a state commission to tackle the issues of resettling and rationally allocating manpower and making effective use of the lands of Dasoguz [northern Turkmenistan], Lebap [eastern Turkmenistan] and Ahal Regions [southern Turkmenistan], the members to be as according to the appendix.

To assign the governors of Dasoguz, Lebap and Ahal Regions to form the relevant working committees, and to include as members the governors of S.A. Nyazow District and Yylanly District of Dasoguz Region, the governors of Serdarabat, Galkynys, Garassyzlyk and Atamyrat Districts of Lebap Region, the governors of Altyn Asyr of Ahal Region, neighbourhood chairmen and the heads of interested organizations in these regions.

2. To approve the attached provision on a State Commission responsible for issues relating to the resettlement and rational allocation of manpower and effective use of lands of Dasoguz, Lebap and Ahal Regions.

3. The State Commission responsible for issues relating to the resettlement and rational allocation of manpower and effective use of land of Dasoguz, Lebap and Ahal Regions (further referred to as the State Commission), and the governors' offices of Dasoguz, Lebap and Ahal Regions are to ensure the settlement of persons who are willing to devote their

professional life to work in agriculture, especially young people from large families in densely-populated S.A. Nyyazow District and Yylanly District on the housing estates of Wass and Sasenem in Dasoguz Region, and from the districts of Serdarabat, Galkynys, Garassyzlyk and Atamyrat of Lebap Region on the housing estates of Altyn Halka in Ahal Region.

4. To establish that those who disturb tranquillity in society with their immoral behaviour and do not carry out their civic duty to strengthen the country's economy, who have lost trust and deserve general condemnation, are subject to resettlement to the lands of Oguzhan of Mary Region [southern Turkmenistan], to Bereket District and the town of Garabogaz of Balkan Region [western Turkmenistan] without any privileges being granted.

5. The Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan is to make provision in the state budget of Turkmenistan for the cost of building water facilities and land management projects on the lands that are being cultivated, and also the construction of social and cultural facilities, water supply facilities, roads in the settlements, and gas and power lines in newly formed settlements.

It is to be established that interfarm and main roads, gas and power lines, and also facilities for communications, trade and communal services are to be built at the expense of relevant ministries and departments.

6. The Central Bank of Turkmenistan is to allocate long-term soft loans for building houses for the settlers of the newly formed farming units on the lands.

7. The deputy chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, Yolly Gurbanmyradow, Enebay Atayewa and Gurbanguly Berdimammedow, are to supervise the fulfilment of this resolution.

[Signed] The president of Turkmenistan, Saparmyrat [Nyyazow] Turkmenbasy /// Neytralnyy Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, 19 Nov 02