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## **TAJIKISTAN CONSIDERING EEU ENTRY**

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The government of Tajikistan is considering the countrys accession of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), Avesta news agency reported with reference to Abdufattokh Goib, the head of Tajikistans Customs Service.

The EEU now consists of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia.

Goib told a news conference in Dushanbe on July 19 that this issue is the focus of attention of not only the media but also the government. Representatives of the Customs Service were included in a working group to assess Tajikistans possible entry to the EEU.

Goib said the Government had been submitted all the necessary materials and a thorough analysis of the issue. The Government now has to make a decision, the official said.

Earlier this month, Leonid Slutsky, chairman of the Committee of CIS Affairs, Eurasian Integration and Relations with Compatriots in the Russian Duma (lower house of Parliament) said that Tajikistan would soon announce its intention to join the EEU.

I think during the nearest year Dushanbe would announce its intention. Tajikistan is interested in that more than any other CIS country, Slutsky was quoted as saying.

The Eurasian Economic Union is an international organization for regional economic integration. It was established by the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union. The EEU provides for free movement of goods, services, capital and labor, and pursues coordinated, harmonized and single policy in the sectors determined by the Treaty and international agreements within the Union.

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