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## KYRGYZSTAN, EU SIGN ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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Five years after concluding negotiations and initialing a draft Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA), Kyrgyzstan and the European Union signed the agreement in Brussels.

The EPCA was signed on June 25, 2024, during a working visit of Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov to Brussels, and replaces the 1999 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) that previously provided the basis for EU-Kyrgyzstan relations.

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Josep Borrell said, We are happy to count the Kyrgyz Republic amongst our close partners. He characterized the EPCA as demonstrating the EU's steadfast commitment to strengthening and deepening our bilateral relations based on shared values and common interests in all areas of mutual benefit, reflecting new geopolitical and economic realities.

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