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### **Iran Association of Social Workers meeting with Tajikistan Association of Social Workers**

Hamed Olamaee, head of international affairs of Iran Association of Social Workers presented the invitation for the conference of “60 years of social work in Iran” which will be held in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 in Tehran from Seyed Hasan Mousavi Chalak, head of Iran Association of Social Workers to Kurban Giyoev, dean of the faculty of social work at National University of Tajikistan and Huvaiddo Shoinbekov, deputy director of Tajikistan Association of Social Workers in Dushanbe.

Prof Giyoev in this meeting said that he has been to Iran 4 times and there used to be some cooperation with Iranian social workers in the past. He pointed to many social work books in his room from Iran since the two countries share similar language. He is helping some PhD thesis in Iran while in 2015, 2 social work lecturers and 8 students went to Iran for one week social work training.

Giyoev continued that Social work in Tajikistan started from 1989 while most of the people worked as social workers were without any academic training that time and usually worked as caregivers to elderly and people with special needs in their houses and were giving them advocacy supports. Nowadays in National University of Tajikistan, there are social work courses up to PhD. Tajikistan would be happy to get social work trainings and experiences from Iran since there are cultural and language similarity between the two countries, he continued.

Mr Shainbekov, deputy director of Tajikistan association of social workers also said that since they joined IFSW, they had some closed relationships with

Georgian association of social workers as well as some other countries and they would be happy to take part in the international conference in Iran in December to get connections to more social workers from all over the world.

In the meeting, Olamaee explained about the goals of the conference in Tehran which is to analyze social work in Iran in the last 60 years and make a vision for that based on the new definition of social work released by IFSW.

Professor Giyoev and Mr Shoinbekov expressed their interest to take part in the conference.