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EU PLEDGES STEADY SUPPORT FOR TAJIKISTAN AHEAD OF HISTORIC CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT

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The European Union will maintain its current level of assistance to Tajikistan despite the recent suspension of U.S. funding through USAID, EU Ambassador to Tajikistan Raimundas Karoblis has confirmed. He emphasized that European and American aid programs operate independently and that EU support will remain unaffected.

Aid from the EU will continue and will not be reduced, Karoblis stated. He added that the EUs assistance framework for Tajikistan is already set through 2027 and cannot be revised before then. Discussions about increased support may take place after that period.

On March 27, Ashgabat will host the 20th meeting of foreign ministers from the European Union and Central Asia. The key objective of this gathering is to prepare for the first-ever EU-Central Asia Summit, scheduled for April 3-4 in Samarkand. The summit will bring together the President of the European Council, the head of the European Commission, and the leaders of all five Central Asian states.

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