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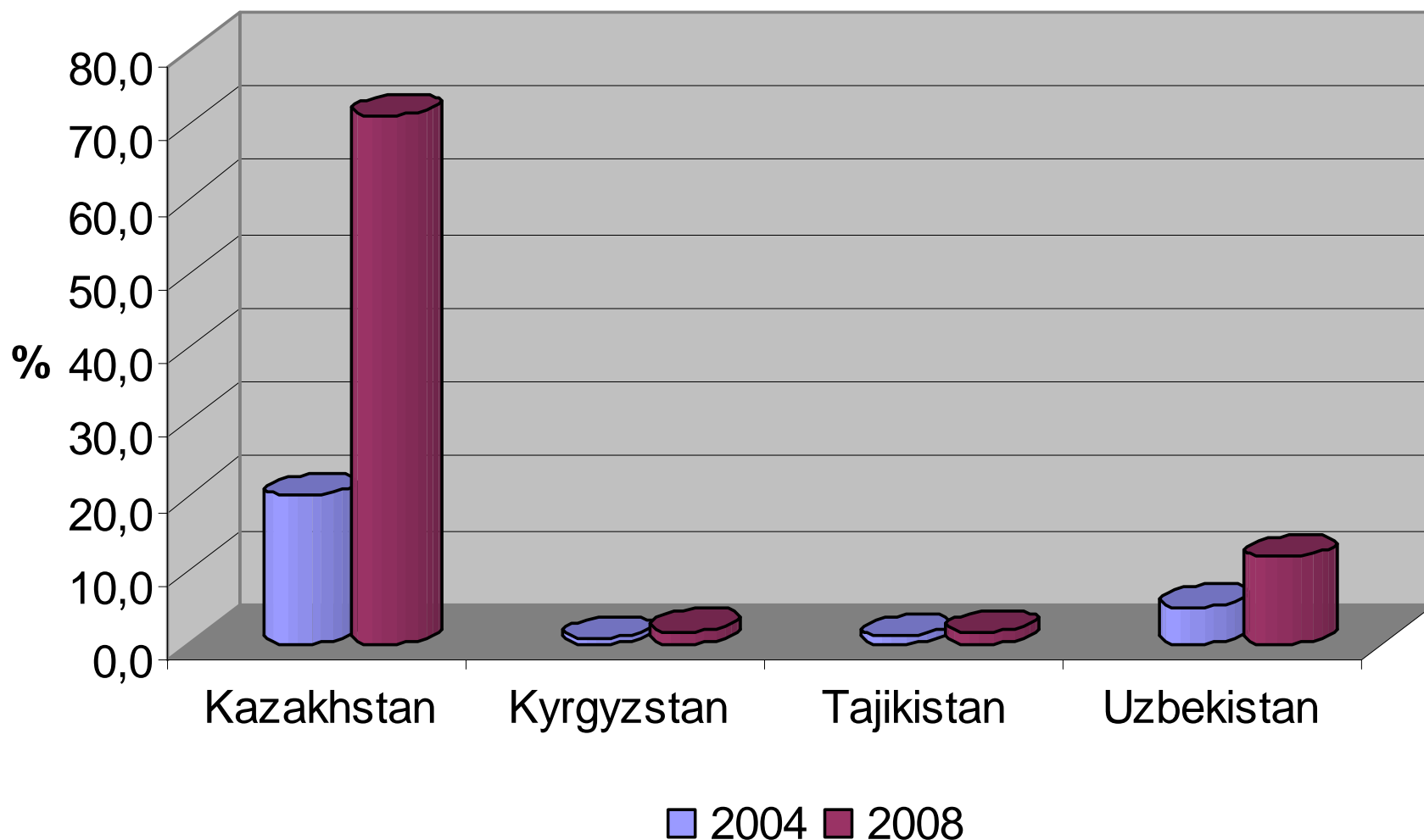
Regional integration in Central Asia: benefits for Kyrgyzstan from removing trade, transport and transit barriers

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Investment Round Table
(Kyrgyzstan)

Foreign trade in Central Asian countries: exports (US\$ bln.)

	2004	2008	Growth rate (times)
Kazakhstan	19.9	71.2	3.6
Kyrgyzstan	0.7	1.6	2.3
Tajikistan	0.9	1.4	1.6
Uzbekistan	4.9	11.6	2.4

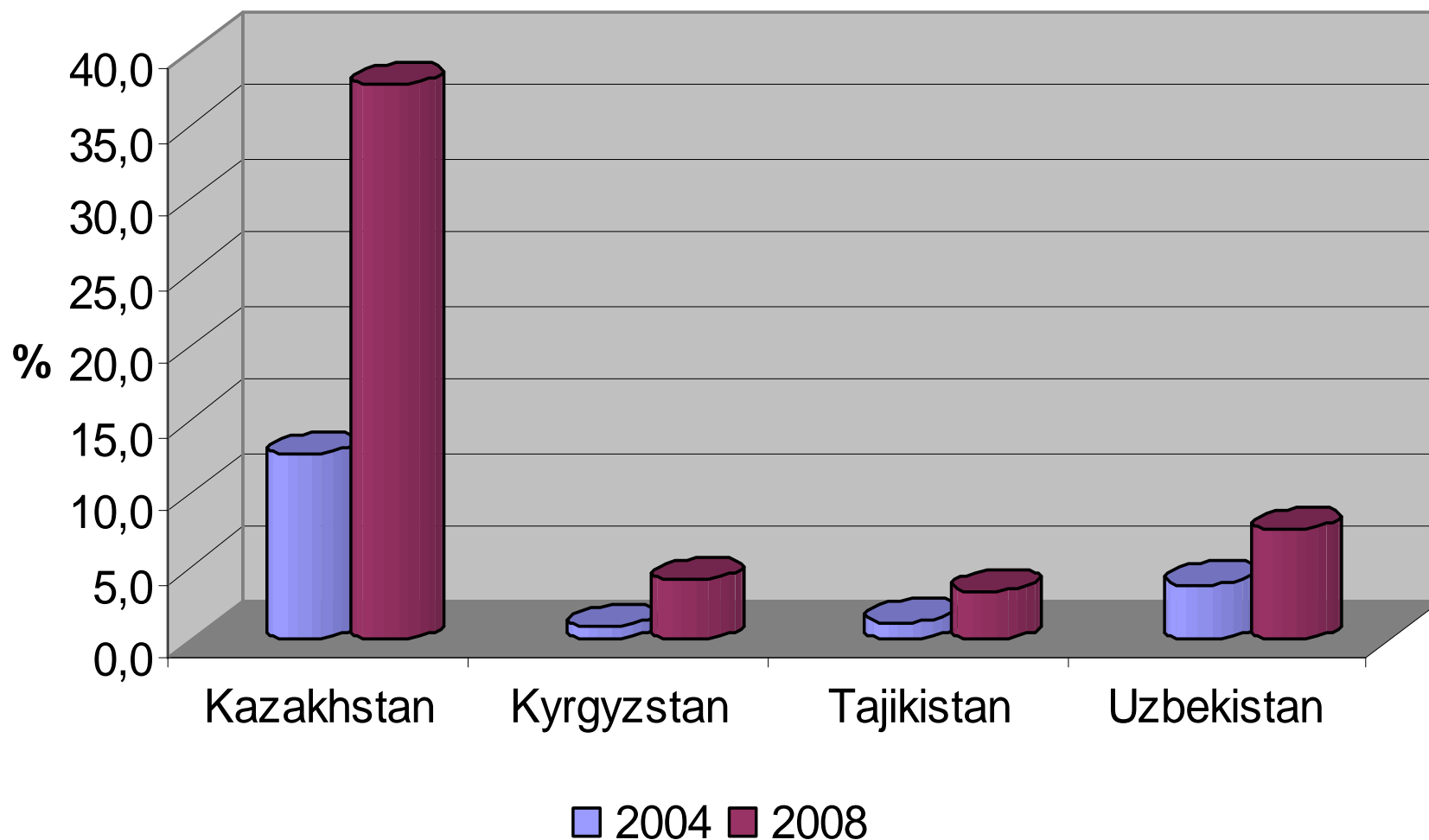
Foreign trade in Central Asian countries: exports (US\$ bln.)



Foreign trade in Central Asian countries: imports (US\$ bln.)

	2004	2008	Growth rate (times)
Kazakhstan	12.6	37.8	3.0
Kyrgyzstan	0.9	4.1	4.6
Tajikistan	1.2	3.3	2.8
Uzbekistan	3.8	7.5	2.0

Foreign trade in Central Asian countries: imports (US\$ bln.)



Central Asian countries: share of intra-regional trade in total trade (exports)

	Share of intra-regional trade (in percent)
Kazakhstan	2.8
Kyrgyzstan	27.0
Tajikistan	6.1
Uzbekistan	7.2
Share of intra-regional trade of four countries	3.9

Central Asian countries: share of intra-regional trade in total trade (imports)

	Share of intra-regional trade (in percent)
Kazakhstan	1.8
Kyrgyzstan	13.3
Tajikistan	13.7
Uzbekistan	21
Share of intra-regional trade of four countries	6.2

Regional cooperation & integration

	CIS	EvrAzEC	CAREC	ECO
Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*
Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*
Tajikistan	*	*	*	*
Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*

Cost of export operations in 2009

	Number of documents	Time (days)	Cost (US\$ per container)
Region, average	7.1	29.7	1649.1
Kazakhstan	11	89	3005
Kyrgyzstan	13	64	3000
Tajikistan	10	82	3150
Uzbekistan	7	80	3100

Cost of import operations in 2009

	Number of documents	Time (days)	Cost (US\$ per container)
Region, average	8.3	31.7	1822.2
Kazakhstan	13	76	3055
Kyrgyzstan	13	75	3250
Tajikistan	10	83	4550
Uzbekistan	11	104	4600

Trading across borders: rankings among 181 countries:

Kazakhstan	180
Kyrgyzstan	181
Tajikistan	177
Uzbekistan	171

Logistics Performance Index: rankings among 150 countries:

Kazakhstan	133
Kyrgyzstan	103
Tajikistan	146
Uzbekistan	129

Ease of doing business: rankings among 181 countries:

Kazakhstan	70
Kyrgyzstan	68
Tajikistan	159
Uzbekistan	138



Research proposal: main features

- An analysis of trade flows between selected CAREC countries
- A review of countries' trade regimes and identification of major obstacles to trade
- A survey among Kyrgyz trade, transport and freight forwarding companies be conducted to reveal existing problems of businesses



Research proposal: main features

- A review of existing regional trading arrangements and cooperation mechanisms
- An assessment of the most beneficial format of regional integration for Kyrgyzstan



Research proposal: main features

- An Input-Output model be applied to assess possible benefits for Kyrgyzstan from removal of trade barriers on the major trade routes
- The outcomes of analysis be tested using existing regional integration and cooperation models as examples (EvrAzEC and the Customs Union of members of EvrAzEC, CAREC, etc)



Research proposal: main features

- A review of implementation of trade and transport facilitation measures in Central Asian
- A set of recommendations for CAREC countries on possible directions of regional integration
- Recommendations for the government of Kyrgyzstan on removal of trade barriers



Research proposal: progress report

- What we are doing:
- Data collection
- Analysis of trade flows
- Collection of information on trade regimes
- Review of regional trading arrangements and cooperation mechanisms



**Thank you for your
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