

DECLARATION OF THE EIGHTH SUMMIT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES

Istanbul, Turkey

The Council of Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States met on 12 November 2021 in Istanbul, Turkey on the theme of “Green Technologies and Smart Cities in the Digital Age”. The meeting was presided over by H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey, and attended by H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Sadyr Zhaparov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan, H.E. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary, and H.E. Baghdad Amreyev, Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States.

H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the Honorary Chairman of the Organization of Turkic States and First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Elbasy addressed the meeting with a video message.

The Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States,

Reiterating their commitment to deepen and widen cooperation and solidarity in line with the purposes and principles of Nakhchivan Agreement on the establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States and based on common history, language, culture, traditions and values of the Turkic speaking peoples;

Praising the remarkable political and socio-economic progress that the Turkic States achieved since their independence and *congratulating* the 30th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan;

Expressing satisfaction with the progress achieved by the Organization of Turkic States since its establishment, *emphasizing* their commitment to enhance the organization’s role in ensuring cooperative and coordinated action in the Turkic World and further promoting the values and interests of the Turkic World in the regional and international arena;

Aiming at strengthening security and stability of the Member States in accordance with the generally recognized norms and principles of international law, in particular the respect of and support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognized borders, non-interference in internal affairs;

Emphasizing the utmost importance of continuing joint efforts by all Member and Observer States aimed at enhancing post-COVID-19 economic recovery through promoting trade, transport, investment and regional connectivity related initiatives;

Underlining the importance of holding consultations on regional and international issues affecting the interests of the Turkic World in order to develop a consolidated position among the Member States.

Declared that they:

COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES

1. Decided to change the name of the “Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States” to the “Organization of Turkic States”;
2. Adopted the “Turkic World Vision-2040” as a strategic document, that guides the future cooperation in various fields of common interest in the Turkic World, which was initiated by H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Elbasy and the Honorary Chairman of the Organization of Turkic States and instruct the preparation of the “Organization of Turkic States Strategic Road Map for 2022-2026” for its implementation;
3. Express heartfelt appreciation and pleasure for joining of Turkmenistan in the Organization of Turkic States as an observer state, voice their confidence that with this decision solidarity and cooperation among the Turkic States and their people will be enhanced;
4. Adopted modalities of cooperation with third parties, which would serve to enhance collaboration of the Organization of Turkic States with other states and international organizations;
5. Appreciate the Republic of Turkey for allocating the new historical building to the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States;
6. Congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of the victory in the “44-Days Patriotic War”, commend the firm support of the Member States and the Organization of Turkic States for Azerbaijan’s just cause to liberate its territories from military occupation, welcome the end of the Armenia - Azerbaijan conflict, support the normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan on the basis of mutual recognition of and respect for each other’s sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders, and express readiness of the Member and Observer States to contribute to the post-conflict rehabilitation, reconstruction and reintegration efforts of Azerbaijan;
7. Emphasize the need to reach a just, lasting, sustainable and mutually acceptable settlement in the Cyprus issue based on the realities on the Island; express their solidarity with the Turkish Cypriot people in their aspirations to secure their equal inherent rights; recognize the request of Turkey to invite Turkish Cypriots to participate in relevant activities of the Organization of Turkic States;
8. Positively assess the Constitutional reforms taking place in the Kyrgyz Republic and express support for the further democratic development of the country;
9. Express support to the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic to find a peaceful solution to the situation at the Kyrgyz-Tajik border and welcome the dialogue between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in this regard; call the two sides to take necessary steps to strengthen mutual trust and avoid conflicts in the future;
10. Highly commend Hungary for upgrading its relations with all Turkic States to a strategic level, establishing diplomatic representations in Member States, as well as its increasing cooperation and coordination with the Organization of Turkic States as the Observer State, and support the proposal of Hungary to convene a joint Heads of States Summit of the Organization of Turkic States and Visegrád Group (V4) during its rotational V4 presidency in Budapest,

11. Take note of the initiative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Sadyr Zhaparov on the establishment of the interregional platform Central Asia + South Caucasus for the promotion of the constructive dialogue and cooperation;

12. Congratulate H.E. Volkan Bozkır, President of the UN General Assembly for the period of 2020-2021 for successfully completing his term, and praise his efforts to support the causes of the Turkic Speaking States at international level; and congratulate H.E. Kairat Abdrakhmanov for his election to the post of OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;

13. Welcome the activities of the Representation Office of the Organization of Turkic States in Hungary including the organization of commemorative events on the occasion of the 30th years of independence of the Member States, and call on the Member States to organize joint high-level events at its premises;

14. Remain committed to the continuation of the solidarity and cooperation that the Member and Observer States carried out bilaterally and within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States during the COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate the negative effects of this global threat;

15. Commend the activities being held in Turkistan on the occasion of its proclamation as a Spiritual Capital of the Turkic World, and welcome the adoption of the Regulations on granting similar statuses to the other cities of the Turkic World;

16. With reference to the Statement adopted at the extraordinary meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers on 27 September 2021 in Istanbul, reemphasized their support for an inclusive and representative political system which upholds fundamental human rights, and called for sustained efforts to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan through effective, transparent and accountable mechanisms, and further called for international support to alleviate the difficult situation in Afghanistan's economy and to take measures aiming to protect the Afghan people's livelihoods;

17. Decide to enhance their cooperation in fighting against all kinds and forms of terrorism, extremism and separatism as well as in combatting racism, discrimination, xenophobia, Islamophobia and hate speech; and to coordinate efforts in international fora in these fields;

18. Instruct the continuation of security consultations within the Organization of Turkic States on a regular basis among the relevant authorities of the Member States to ensure close coordination and cooperation on security issues of common interest;

19. Welcome the adoption of the revised Regulation of the Council of Elders and instruct for the continuation of its regular meetings;

20. Congratulate the Republic of Turkey on successfully holding the Antalya Diplomacy Forum bringing together leaders of states, foreign ministers and heads of international organizations for the first time since the outbreak of COVID – 19 pandemic, the Republic of Uzbekistan for successfully hosting the International Conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities” on 15-16 July 2021 in Tashkent and the Republic of Kazakhstan on successfully holding the XVII Eurasian Media Forum and its special session on “Media in the Turkic countries. Development of cooperation in the new conditions” on 15 September 2021 in Nur-Sultan;

21. Appreciate and encourage the continuation of cooperation in justice sphere and urge launching collaboration among the Justice Ministries and other relevant authorities of the Member States;

ECONOMIC AND SECTORIAL COOPERATION

22. Remain committed to the purpose of creating favorable conditions among the Member States by taking necessary measures to facilitate mutual trade and investment and instruct the relevant authorities to follow-up of the decisions taken at the 10th Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Economy held on 10 September 2021 in Baku and the joint meeting of the Ministers in charge of Economy/Trade and Heads of Customs Administrations held online on 6 May 2020;

23. Congratulate the Kyrgyz Republic on successfully holding the First Economic Forum European Union-Central Asia on the 5th of November 2021 in Bishkek as a new way of economic cooperation and interaction;

24. Task the relevant Ministries of the Member States to finalize the Establishment Agreement of the Turkic Investment Fund on the principle of equal capital contributions and equal voting rights to be signed no later than 1 September 2022;

25. Encourage to work out proposals on increasing trade turnover between Member and Observer States given the COVID-19 constraints continue to be implemented and elaborate proposals on joint projects for developing business practices, especially among SMEs of Member and Observer States during pandemic.

26. Instruct the relevant authorities of Member States to accelerate their work towards finalization of the “Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper” through a “Working Group “ to be established, agree to work for the establishment of the Turkic Trade Houses (TTH) to increase intra-trade, export potential and investments of Member and Observer States, and instruct the relevant government bodies to elaborate new initiatives to increase trade complementarities and eliminate quantitative restrictions and non-tariff measures among the Member States;

27. Welcome the activities of the Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) to strengthen cooperation among the private sector in the Turkic World, such as the extraordinary meeting organized with the theme "A New Era of Social and Economic Development in Azerbaijan" on 2 November 2020 in Baku; the humanitarian assistance addressed on behalf of the Organization of Turkic States to the civilian population of the city of Barda, which was affected by the attacks of Armenia during the 44-Day Patriotic War; the 3rd General Assembly of TCCI and the business forums jointly organized with the Secretariat in Baku and Budapest in 2021;

Call on the TCCI Member Chambers to assign representatives to the Secretariat of TCCI and praise the opening of the Tashkent branch of TOBB University of Economics and Technology in Uzbekistan with its support;

28. Urge the implementation of the “Memorandum of Understanding among the Government Bodies of the Member States of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States regarding Information and Experience Sharing in the field of Various Types of Economic Zones”;

29. Welcome the invitation of Kazakhstan to participate in the “TURANSEZ” special economic zone for the Turkic states which will be established in Turkistan with the aim to

strengthen economic cooperation and connectivity among the Turkic states including through the East-West International Trans-Caspian Middle Corridor;

30. Highlight the first publication of the Organization of Turkic States on “Investment Climate and International Trade Complementarities of the Turkic Council Member States” prepared in cooperation with SESRIC and task the Secretariat to prepare proposals on new topics for future publications;

31. Welcome the joining of Uzbekistan to the “Memorandum of Understanding among Government Bodies for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises of the Organization of Turkic States Member States”, and agree to strengthen cooperation among the Small and Medium Business Development Agencies of the Member States within the Organization of Turkic States;

32. Praise the organization of the First Young Entrepreneurs Forum in Tashkent on 19-20 September 2021, and task the relevant institutions of the Member States to continue the organization of this Forum with a view to supporting the young business people of the Member and Observer States; and recommend the preparation of support projects on economic empowerment of women;

33. Instruct relevant Ministries of the Member States to initiate cooperation on green technologies and smart cities in a multilateral format;

34. Task the relevant Ministries of the Member States to reinforce multilateral cooperation for sustainable agricultural development and stable food supply in the region; invite the Member and Observer States to submit proposals for cooperation in the field of food safety;

35. Call on enhancing cooperation in the energy sector including expanding cooperation in the field of renewable energy;

36. Highlight the importance of energy security of the Member States by strengthening the connectivity of energy projects and considering interconnectivity as a key element in future infrastructure projects as well;

37. Support the outcomes of the First Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the Organization of Turkic States held on 24 February 2021 virtually and emphasize the significant potential for strengthening the development of cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency, improvement of energy regulation and market activities and encourage the enhancement of connectivity among Member States; work out proposals on cooperation in renewable energy with field trips and study tours;

38. Support the outcomes of the video-conference meeting and Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Transport respectively held on 30 April 2020 and 14 October 2021 in Budapest, instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to continue to generate favorable conditions, and simplify administrative procedures to render the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor a more efficient, sustainable and seamless route;

39. Instruct to finalize the “Agreement on the International Combined Freight Transport among the Organization of Turkic States Member States” as an important step to facilitate the transport operations across the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor.

40. Highlight the Zangazur Corridor as emerging opportunity for enhancing better connectivity within the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor and urge relevant authorities of the Member States to support endeavors of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for its soonest operationalization;

41. Commend the solidarity of the Member and Observer States in ensuring the sustainability of trade and economic relations during the pandemic, especially in providing uninterrupted operation of transport corridors, customs-border checkpoints and logistic centers emphasize the will to continue to work together to further improve these conditions;

42. Highlight the importance of strengthening cooperation in civil aviation and encourage relevant authorities to facilitate administrative procedures for airline operations, increase the number of flights depending on the demand between the Member States and contribute to the diversification of air transport links among Member and Observer States.

43. Welcome the inclusion of Mersin Port, Universal Logistics Services (Tashkent), Akhtach (Andijan) and Termez Cargo Center (Surkhandarya) in the Organization of Turkic States' Sister Ports process, support the outcomes of the Fourth Meeting of the Sister Ports of the Organization of Turkic States organized on 6 September 2021 in Samsun, and encourage deeper cooperation among the Organization of Turkic States Sister Ports, as well as the dry and sea ports of the other Turkic Speaking States;

44. Commend the Secretariat's endeavor to initiate multilateral cooperation on "e-Permit" among the Member States including the organization of the Turkish-Uzbek Working Group Meeting on "e-Permit" within the framework of Organization of Turkic States on 30 June 2021 in Tashkent and call on their relevant authorities to widely use digital instruments in transport;

45. Take note of the outcomes of the online meeting convened on 15 March 2021 among Organization of Turkic States, ECO, TRACECA, IRU, BSEC and the International Transport Forum (ITF) to discuss negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health, communities and livelihoods of people in all countries, and welcome the Joint Statement issued to develop a common stance in addressing the ongoing sanitary, social, and economic challenges of the pandemic;

46. Urge the implementation of facilitative measures to the agreed essential goods with a view to signing the "Protocol on Establishment of Simplified Customs Corridor among the Governments of the Member States of the Organization of Turkic States";

47. Agree to ease customs and administrative procedures to exploit the full potential of the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor and revitalize Silk Road through customs cooperation within the framework of the Caravanserai Project that will contribute to harmonization and simplification of border crossing procedures;

-Urge simplification of customs procedures regarding permission documents issued by customs and other relevant agencies by introducing digital systems and setting up electronic pre-notification system on cross border movements under the Organization of Turkic States; and call on the Member States to continue use of modern customs mechanisms and advanced information exchange system;

-Commend the Secretariat's active role in establishing cooperation on e-TIR among the Member States including the first Working Group meeting held on e-TIR on 15 June 2021

in close collaboration with the UNECE, the launch of digital TIR pilot projects among Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States and the training programs for experts of customs authorities in cooperation with IRU;

- Task the continuation of utilization from each other's experiences on developing and implementing national Authorized Economic Operator Programs aimed at facilitating the foreign trade operations among the Member States in close cooperation with World Customs Organization;

48. Invite the Member and Observer States to support Azerbaijan in the implementation of the Digital Hub project, implying construction of fiber optic high-speed internet line between Asia and Europe;

49. Emphasize the importance of the Trans Caspian Fiber Optic project and call for efforts to accelerate its implementation.

50. Emphasize the importance of environmental protection for the health and well-being of present and future generations, agree to take necessary urgent joint action in this field through the means such as introduction of green technologies, preservation of biodiversity, adaptation to climate change, and confirm their readiness to jointly contribute to protection of environment,

- Recognizing common but differentiated responsibilities and note their firm commitment to the principles of, inclusiveness, non-discrimination, efficiency in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in order to ensure conditions for economic and environmental well-being and intend to develop a wide international exchange and a variety of the best technologies in the field of low-carbon development, in particular in industry, agriculture, energy, transport, and renewable energy sources,

- Welcome the active cooperation in the field of the climate agenda among the Member States, agree to consider the convergence of the positions of the Member States in this field, support the achievement of the goals set within the global climate agenda and commit to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement, in particular to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change in the context of sustainable development;

51. Express deep sadness and concern with regard to environmental disasters such as wildfires and floods burst out in Turkey and across the region, and instruct to start the work for establishment of a disaster response unit within the Organization of Turkic States under the name "Organization of Turkic States' Civil Protection Mechanism" to conduct joint initiatives for search, rescue and rehabilitation to mitigate the effects of natural disasters and contribute to the recovery, upon the proposal of the Republic of Turkey; welcome Turkey's intention to convene a regional conference on the cooperation on combating wildfires;

52. Welcome the first meeting of Presidents of the Red Crescent Societies in the Member States, virtually hosted by the Turkish Red Crescent in 21 April 2021, where an agreement was reached to establish a network; and urge Member States to support this network to enhance cooperation amongst Red Crescents and join forces to collectively prepare and respond to natural and man-made disasters in the Member States;

53. Endorse the outcomes of the First Video-Conference Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States held on 28 April 2020 organized after the "Extraordinary Summit of the Organization of Turkic States on the

theme of “Solidarity and Cooperation in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic” initiated by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and welcome the activities of the Health Coordination Committee and Health Scientific Group established within the Organization of Turkic States for exchanging information and experience and best practices in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, epidemiological studies and scientific researches among the Member and Observer States;

54. Note the development with satisfaction of domestic vaccines against COVID-19 in Kazakhstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan; and call on the member states to strengthen vaccine cooperation; encourage the Member and Observer States to ease COVID-19 related entry and transit restrictions for international travel and transport through unilateral or mutual recognition or vaccine certificates; remind the importance of ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to COVID-19 with the understanding that no one will be safe until everyone is safe;

55. Welcome the vaccine donation by Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Hungary under the auspices of the Organization of Turkic States to African countries.

56. Praise the dedicated work of doctors and other health personnel of the Member and Observer States who were at the forefront in the fight against the pandemic, congratulate the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey for the initiative to declare 2021 as the International Year of Health and Care Workers and organizing first face-to-face Vaccine Workshop of the Health Scientific Group in İzmir on 24-27 August 2020 to share its experience in the vaccine development and combatting against the pandemic;

57. Encourage the Secretariat to carry out joint projects with the World Health Organization and health authorities of the Member and Observer States based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 11 September 2020 between them;

58. Endorse the Joint Declaration adopted at the meeting of the Health Ministers held in Istanbul on 29 October 2021, which underlined the importance of global solidarity and cooperation in the field of health,

59. Highly appreciate the Member and Observer States for providing assistance to each other including in the form of personal protective equipment, vaccines and medicines and approve the organization of “Turkic Medical World Congress” every year in October with the participation of Health Ministers and scientists of the Member and Observer States;

60. Welcome establishing a platform for cooperation on e-governance and e-services for improving the quality of the public administration system and promoting intra-regional digital commerce and trade, and support the reciprocal recognition of electronic signatures between the Member States and formation of the electronic document exchange system with the participation of state institutions and the business sector; as well as the visits of relevant authorities of the Member States in the field of public services and e-government to the Republic of Azerbaijan, (ASAN service) in April 2021 and the Republic of Kazakhstan, (Astana Hub) in September 2021;

61. Highlight the 60th anniversary of the first man’s fly to the space from Baikonur, the territory of Kazakhstan;

62. Task the relevant authorities of the Member States to establish cooperation and coordination in the field of Space Technology Projects within the Organization of Turkic States, which was initiated by the Turkish Space Agency;

63. Enhance the scientific and technological cooperation among the Member States for supporting research, development and innovative projects;

64. Welcome the proposal of Turkey with regard to the organization of “Teknofest – Aviation, Space and Technology Festival” that has been successfully carried out by the Ministry of Industry and Technology of Turkey during the last 4 years, in the other Member States of the Organization of the Turkic States in the coming years;

65. Support the outcomes of the Sixth Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the Organization of Turkic States held on 24 June 2021 in Kokand, commend the Uzbek side for the successful organization of the first-ever Ministerial meeting hosted by the Republic of Uzbekistan within the Organization of Turkic States, and launch of “Turkic World Tourism Capital” initiative and announcement of Kokand city of the Republic of Uzbekistan as the first “Turkic World Tourism Capital”; and instruct to implement joint initiatives and projects for the development of sustainable tourism, relevant infrastructure within this initiative;

66. Encourage further cooperation in tourism sector and attracting more tourists to the region by benefiting from the natural and geographic advantages of the Member States located on the Silk Road, and task the relevant authorities of the Member States to ensure implementation of the “Tabarruk Ziyarat” and “Tourism Map” projects as well as to promote the “Organization of Turkic States’ Modern Silk Road Joint Tour Project” with necessary means including the national and international tourism exhibitions;

67. Task the Member States to work on initiating the means for promotion of cultural routes as an invitation to travel and to discover the rich and diverse heritage of the Turkic World by bringing people and places together in networks of shared history and patrimony.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE COOPERATION

68. Commend the organization of the Exchange of Experience Programs among the Diaspora Institutions of the Member States as well as the Capacity Building Training Programs for the Turkic Speaking Diasporas and call on the relevant institutions of the Member States to enhance their cooperation in accordance with the approved “Turkic Speaking Diaspora Joint Activity Strategy of the Turkic Council” and the “Turkic Speaking Diaspora Joint Action Plan of the Turkic Council for 2021-2022”;

69. Task the relevant authorities of the Member States to mutually support each other in the fields of communication and public diplomacy in order to improve relations and collaboration among public institutions, NGO’s, media outlets, academics, decision makers, members of parliament and opinion leaders, also to develop new opportunities for cooperation in order to effectively combat disinformation in the international arena and to accurately inform the global public;

70. Endorse the outcomes of the Third Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Information and Media of the Organization of Turkic States held on 10 April 2021 in Baku, support the empowerment of cooperation on media and information to enhance political, cultural, economic and social awareness about events in Turkic Speaking States at the local and international levels, and commend the successful organization of the International Media Forum hosted by the Directorate of Communications of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul on 22-24 October 2021;

71. Encourage cooperation in the emerging and developing media platforms, increase collaboration among the national TV channels and news agencies, and maximize full potential

of the established Joint FTP Pool among National TV Channels for the exchange programs and video materials on the agreed categories;

72. Commend the production of the joint documentary film “Seven Facets of the Great Steppe” based on the article with the same title by the Honorary Chairman of the Organization of Turkic States and First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Elbasy Nursultan Nazarbayev, creation of a joint television project «Korkyt Ata» and Turkish-Uzbek Mendirman Jelaliddin television series and the activities of TRT Avaz in producing documentaries entitled “On the Trail of Its Roots” (“Köklerin İzinde”) to promote and popularize culture and the great personalities of the Turkic world in a spirit of unity and solidarity and encourage initiation of similar projects;

73. Take note of the initiative of Kazakhstan to establish the international TV channel with headquarter in Turkistan, Kazakhstan;

74. Highly commend the adoption of the Regulation on the Alisher Navoi International Prize of the Cooperation Council of Turkic States “for Contribution to the Unity of the Turkic World” that will contribute to the unity and solidarity within the Turkic World;

75. Express satisfaction for the declaration of Shusha as the Cultural Capital of Azerbaijan by H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and support materialization of activities and events to this end;

76. Endorse the outcomes of the Sixth Meeting of the Ministers of Education and Science held on 3-4 November 2021 in Istanbul, welcome the adoption of the “Regulation of the Orkhun Exchange Program”; and instruct the relevant authorities to take necessary measures regarding the Educational Exchange Program for education professionals of the Member States to be hosted in Turkey in 2022 and the Third Student Exchange Program among secondary/high schools of the Member States to be hosted in Kazakhstan in 2022;

77. Take note of the useful activities of Turkish Maarif Foundation (TMF) schools in the Turkic World and facilitate the establishment procedures of TMF schools in accordance with the national legislations of the Member States;

78. Support the outcomes of the 5th General Assembly of the Turkic University Union (TURKUNIB) held on 26 October 2021 in Turkistan, welcome the inclusion of new universities from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan, and urge to expand and enrich the scope of cooperation within the framework of the Orkhun Exchange Program;

79. Appreciate the decision for the establishment of the commission comprising of the representatives of the Turkic Academy and the representatives of the relevant institutions and experts of its Member States to accelerate the work on the finalization of the draft textbooks of “Common Turkic History”, “Geography of the Turkic World” and “Common Turkic Literature”;

80. Commend the growing attention of students from the Member States to study in Hungarian universities, appreciate the Hungarian Government for the increasing scholarship opportunities allocated to the university students of the Turkic Speaking States, and call on the Member States to strengthen their partnership with Hungary in the field of education;

81. Commend the organization of the Ethno-Folklore Festival «Uzgen-Munara-2021» in Uzgen, Kyrgyz Republic, on 17 September 2021 attended by more than 3,000 people, including representatives of international organizations, experts in the field of restoration and

preservation of cultural heritage, as well as folk ensembles and masters of musical and dancing arts;

82. Support the outcomes of the Fourth and Fifth Meetings of the Ministers in charge of Youth and Sports of the Member States held on 29 November 2019 in Bishkek and 20 September 2021 in Tashkent, and express satisfaction with the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation under the Turkic Council on Multilateral and Bilateral Youth and Youth Workers Exchange Programs” for boosting interaction among the Turkic Speaking Youth;

83. Praise the Kyrgyz Republic for the successful organization of the Organization of Turkic States’ Young Leaders Forum held on 30 August - 2 September 2021 in Osh of the Kyrgyz Republic and underline the importance of organizing such activities to contribute to the improvement of the Youth Policy, strengthening the friendship among the Youth of the Member States;

84. Express satisfaction for the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding among Turkic Speaking National Football Associations” including that of Turkmenistan and Hungary on 14 April 2021, and encourage the relevant authorities of the Parties to realize all aspects of cooperation enshrined in the MoU;

85. Encourage the organization of the 2nd Turkic University Sports Games (Turkic Universiade) in Kazakhstan in 2022, and urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to provide utmost cooperation for the organization and actively participate in the Games;

86. Highly appreciate the role of the Kyrgyz Republic in founding and promoting the World Nomad Games (WNG) that contribute to the development of ethno-historical sports, intercultural dialogue, as well as the promotion of Turkic cultural heritage; and welcome the organization of the Fourth World Nomad Games (WNG) in Turkey in 2022 and urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to provide utmost cooperation for the organization and actively participate in the WNG;

87. Congratulate the Member and Observer States for the successes achieved in International Sports Tournaments in 2020 and 2021 including Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and encourage continuation of the major international sports events in Turkic Speaking States;

88. Promote convening role of Turkic world in intercultural dialogue and support Azerbaijan’s efforts through “Baku process” and its seminal event - biennial World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue which was denoted by the UN Secretary-General as one of the main global platforms for promoting intercultural dialogue;

89. Welcome the outcomes of online international conference on “Turkistan - the Spiritual Capital of the Turkic World” organized by Nursultan Nazarbayev Foundation on 16 April 2021 and international conference on “Turkistan-the Spiritual Capital of the Turkic World” organized by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 27 May 2021 in Turkistan;

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN THE TURKIC WORLD

90. Praise the activities of TURKPA, TURKSOY, Turkic Academy and Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation (TCHF) and take note of their reports submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers;

91. Express satisfaction with the official opening of the new premises of the Turkic Academy in Nur-Sultan, allocated by the Republic of Kazakhstan;

92. Support further enhancement of interaction amongst the Turkic Cooperation Organizations and urge the organizations to strengthen the work of the Coordination Committee in order to provide an efficient implementation of the common Turkic cooperation agenda, and appreciate successful organization of celebration events on important dates and commemorations regarding the prominent Turkic figures;

93. Take note of the outcomes of the Ninth and Tenth Plenary Session of TURKPA on 18 December 2019 in Baku and on 27-28 September 2021 in Turkistan, commend TURKPA's efforts at the parliamentary level to combat the COVID-19 pandemic as well as in addressing the issues of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and welcome the active participation of Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the TURKPA activities;

94. Commend the Organization of Turkic States and TURKPA on observation of elections and referenda in the Member States to support the political participation and good governance and the latter's activities on the elaboration of model legislation;

95. Highlight the importance of celebrating the upcoming 300th anniversary of the birth of the great Turkmen poet, philosopher and thinker Makhtumkuli Fraghi and task Turkic Cooperation Organizations to organize events dedicated to the very occasion in the Member and Observer States;

96. Appreciate the completion of the project by the Turkic Academy on the creation of the "Historical and Geographical Atlas of the Turkic World", and instruct to complete its projects "Sacred Sites of the Turkic World" and "Outstanding Figures of the Turkic World";

97. Appreciate the organization of "Al-Farabi Forum" in Islamabad by the Turkic Academy, the signing of the Cooperation Memorandum with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), and the establishment of relations with many universities and educational and research institutions of Pakistan;

98. Welcome the declaration of Khiva of the Republic of Uzbekistan as "Cultural Capital of the Turkic World" in 2020 within the initiative started by TURKSOY, express satisfaction with the activities organized in the city on this occasion in 2021, also welcome the adoption of Bursa, as the 2022 Cultural Capital of the Turkic World by TURKSOY on 16 September 2021 and express its support to the activities that will be organized in Bursa in 2022;

99. Support TURKSOY for the organization of "Silkroad Rally from the Danube River to the Orkhun Valley" in 2022;

100. Praise the efforts of TCHF to carry out international projects, and conferences on the cultural traces of the Turkic States as well as publications such as the first academic book "Azerbaijan on the Silk Road" and to promote Turkic heritage through the initiatives taken in and outside of the Turkic region;

101. Value the opening of Bela Bartok's Year announced by TCHF with holding the concert and the organizing of Nizami ceremonial event in the historical Shirvanshahs Palace in Azerbaijan; congratulate TCHF on the expansion of relations with Lithuania by the signing of Memorandum of Cooperation in order to protect the cultural heritage of Lithuanian minorities – Tatars and Karaites;

102. In the light of the renaming of the Organization, urge the Secretariat to further improve its institutional basis and increase its efficiency, and task the Secretariat to focus on its core tasks and to ensure the most effective management of its human and financial resources to this end and to request the Secretariat to provide the report on the work done;

COOPERATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

103. Urge strengthening the active cooperation of the Member States at international fora and encourage mutually supporting the candidacies and initiatives including resolutions of each other within international organizations, where possible;

104. Commend the successful chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Non-Aligned Movement and welcome its efforts aimed at strengthening the Movement's standing in the international relations system;

105. Note with appreciation the leadership role played by H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in his capacity as the chairperson of the Non-Aligned Movement, in mobilizing global efforts to address the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic through his several successful initiatives, recall, in this regard, the convening of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on 3-4 December 2020,

106. Welcome the adoption of the UN Human Rights Council resolution entitled "Ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic" at the 46th session of the Council upon the initiative of the Republic of Azerbaijan in its capacity as the chair of the Non-Aligned Movement;

107. Commend the chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and welcome its initiative to transform the CICA into an international organization;

108. Take note of the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly to establish International Agency for Biological Safety, a specialized organization accountable to the UN Security Council;

109. Commend the Republic of Uzbekistan for its election to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the period of 2021-2023;

110. Take note of the adoption of a new UN Resolution initiated by the Kyrgyz Republic entitled «Nature knows no borders: transboundary cooperation – a key factor for biodiversity conservation, restoration and sustainable use» on 16 April 2021;

111. Congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan on the election to the UN Economic Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UN Human Rights Council for the period 2022-2024

112. Take note of the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution declaring the Aral Sea region a zone of environmental innovations and technologies, initiated by the Republic of Uzbekistan;

113. Underline the rich experience of the Republic of Kazakhstan in nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peace diplomacy and, in this context, highly value the historical decision on the closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site taken in 1991 that immensely

contributed to the international efforts to achieve nuclear-weapons-free world; and welcome 30th anniversary of this historical decision;

114. Praise the decision of the Republic of Kazakhstan to fulfill the UN request on the temporary relocation to Almaty of personnel of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and other UN agencies accredited in Afghanistan, as part of Kazakhstan's commitments as a member of the Organization; praise the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to create a Permanent UN Committee on Afghanistan to coordinate peace efforts and to facilitate a lasting political settlement in the country; and also express appreciation for the decision of the Republic of Turkey to become a safe haven for UN international personnel and their eligible dependents in Afghanistan in the event of a crisis situation in Afghanistan, welcome Turkey's leading role and Azerbaijan's contributions in securing the Kabul airport to facilitate the evacuation efforts; welcome the decision of the Kyrgyz Republic on granting of 500 student visas to Afghan citizens for studying at the universities of Kyrgyzstan;

115. Congratulate the Republic of Turkey for successfully concluding its 2020-2021 Southeast European Cooperation Process (SEECP) Chairmanship with the Antalya Summit marking the 25th anniversary of the Process;

116. Welcome the extension of the observer status of the Organization of Turkic States within the ECO for three years and urge to accelerate joint efforts to obtain observer status for Organization of Turkic States at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly and Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

117. Encourage the Secretariat to increase cooperation with international organizations, including the UN and its agencies, to enhance institutional relations with regional organizations including the EU, OSCE, BSEC, OECD, V4 and ASEAN and to carry out joint projects with them on the areas of mutual interests;

118. Express satisfaction with the role of the Member States in extending development and humanitarian assistance to the third countries across the world that contributes to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; support further enhancement of cooperation amongst the development agencies of the Member States and in this vein commend the MoU signed between Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) and Kazakhstan International Development Agency (KazAID);

ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

119. Congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan for the successful Chairmanship of the Organization of Turkic States in 2019-2021; and highly value its great contribution to the activities of the Organization of Turkic States;

120. Commend the significant achievements in the activities of the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States since the last Summit, and underline the necessity to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat for effective implementation of its growing tasks.

121. Decide to hold the Ninth Summit of the Organization of Turkic States in 2022 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Heads of States express profound thanks to H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey, for steering the deliberations of the Eighth Summit of the Organization of Turkic States to a successful conclusion and appreciate the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Turkey. They welcome the assumption of the Chairmanship of the Organization of Turkic States by the Republic of Turkey until the next Summit.

Signed on 12 November 2021 in Istanbul, in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish and Uzbek languages.

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