

**DECLARATION OF THE TENTH SUMMIT OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES
Astana, Kazakhstan**

The Council of Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States met on 3 November 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan on the theme of “TURKTIME”. The meeting was presided over by H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and attended by H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Sadyr Zhaparov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan, H.E. Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, and H.E. Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States.

The Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States,

Underlining the successful completion of the Chairmanship of Uzbekistan in the OTS and highlighting the achievements of the Turkic world in 2023 – the Year of the rise of Turkic civilization;

Congratulating the jubilee Summit of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and *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, Turkic World Vision-2040, and the OTS Strategy 2022-2026 documents;

Underscoring their determination to carry forward the cooperation within the multilateral framework of the OTS based on common history, language, culture, traditions and values of the Turkic peoples;

Appreciating the remarkable political and socio-economic progress of the Turkic States and *expressing satisfaction* with the achievements made by the OTS since its establishment;

Emphasizing their commitment to enhance the organization’s role in ensuring a deeper cooperation and coordination in the Turkic World and further promoting its values and interests in the regional and international arena;

Aiming at strengthening security and stability of the Member States in accordance with the international agreements which they are parties to, in particular those related to the respect of and support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognized borders, non-interference in internal affairs;

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;

Highlighting the utmost importance of continuing joint efforts by all Member and Observer States to enhance economic cooperation by promoting trade, transport, investment and regional connectivity initiatives.

Declared that they:

COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, FOREIGN POLICY and SECURITY ISSUES

1. Adopted the Astana Act in honor of the Jubilee 10th Summit of the OTS convened under the motto of “TURKTIME”, and underscore their unwavering commitment to boosting comprehensive cooperation and solidarity among the Turkic States within the framework of the OTS;
2. Stress the importance of the Civil Protection Mechanism of the OTS and instruct the relevant bodies of the Member States and the Secretariat to finalize the draft Agreement on the Establishment of the Civil Protection Mechanism of the OTS by the end of this year;
3. Congratulate H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the awarding of the Supreme Order of the Turkic World;
4. Welcome the proclamation of February 6th as “The Day of Remembrance of Disaster Victims and Solidarity” upon the initiative of the Uzbekistan;
5. Congratulate wholeheartedly the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye with a deep sense of unity and shared purpose, looking forward to a future of continued collaboration, brotherhood; and having recognized the crucial role Türkiye has played in fostering strong ties and collaboration within the Turkic World, express their profound gratitude to the people and leadership of Türkiye for their steadfast commitment to the common values and aspirations that bind the Turkic nations together;
6. Highly appreciate the successful organization of the "Qazqutkaru-2023" search and rescue competition, which took place at the training ground "Skalny Gorod – Astana" in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and welcome the initiative of member states to organize joint exercises and competitions in the field of emergency response, with the aim of enhancing cooperation and exchanging experience among the rescue units of the Organization of Turkic States.
7. Welcome the outcomes of the Second Ministerial Meeting on Emergency Management held on 07 September 2023 in Baku, and conducting the disaster and emergency management training “Baku-2023 International Exercise”, where the teams from the OTS countries jointly took part in the operations;
8. Reaffirm their support to the normalization of relations between Azerbaijan and Armenia on the basis of mutual recognition of and respect for each other’s sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders;
9. Appreciated positive role of the Consultative meetings of the heads of Central Asian states mechanism in the development, promotion and deepening the good neighborly relations among the states, settlement the security and stability in the region, strengthening brotherhood connections among the Central Asian people, and appreciate the participation of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the Guest Honor at the meeting held on 14 September 2023 in Dushanbe, and welcome the next scheduled meeting in Kazakhstan, which will be held in 2024;
10. Welcome the signing of the “Treaty between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on friendship, good-neighborliness, and cooperation for the development of Central Asia in the

21st century”, which will provide stability, security and interethnic harmony in the Central Asian region which are the main aspects of the sustainable development of the whole region;

11. Welcome the full restoration of sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan following local anti-terror measures of 19-20 September 2023, reaffirm their support to the reintegration efforts of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and while expressing appreciation for the support provided so far by Member States to the post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction works in Azerbaijan, reiterate their readiness to continue contributions to this end;

12. Express satisfaction with the increasing involvement of the Observer States in the activities of the OTS and the Turkic Cooperation Organizations;

13. Commend the decision of Hungary to second diplomats at the Secretariat of the OTS as part of its strong determination to boost cooperation and coordination with the Turkic World within the framework of the OTS, and reassure the resolve of the Member States to intensify multi-faceted cooperation with Hungary;

14. Express condolences over the passing of Mr. János Hóvári, the late Executive Director of the Representation Office of the OTS in Hungary, who has made remarkable contribution to enhance comprehensive cooperation between Hungary and the Turkic States in his entire life;

15. Continue and enhance their cooperation in fighting against all kinds and forms of terrorism, violent extremism, drug trafficking, illicit trafficking of cultural property, separatism, money laundering and the proceeds of crime as well as in combatting racism, discrimination, xenophobia, hatred against Islam, hate speech, and disinformation and to coordinate efforts in international fora in these fields;

16. Commend the organization of the Second Policy Planning Consultations of the OTS on 18 May 2023 in Baku;

17. Decide to expand cooperation on the fight against-irregular migration, including migrant smuggling and human trafficking, as well as on utilizing the development perspectives of legal migration taking the Sustainable Development Goals into consideration;

18. Encourage to explore opportunities to hold regular migration consultations to deepen cooperation between the responsible migration bodies of the OTS member and observer states and to define the future vision in this field;

19. Express grave concern at the latest escalation of violence since October 7 and the grave deterioration of the situation in Gaza and the rest of the Palestinian Territory; condemn all attacks targeting civilians and call all Parties for an immediate ceasefire to protect civilians and their objects, as well as immediate, unhindered humanitarian assistance throughout the Gaza Strip; reiterate that a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be achieved by peaceful means, based on the relevant United Nations resolutions, international law and two-State solution, and emphasize the need for a guarantee mechanism for its proper implementation;

20. Welcome the decisions of the 2nd Meeting of the Heads of National Security Council of the Member and Observer States of the OTS on 19-20 October 2023 in Tashkent, and support the continuation of this meeting on a regular basis in order to fully address increasingly complex and multidimensional national security issues;

21. Instruct the continuation of security consultations within the OTS on a regular basis among the governments and state bodies of the Member States to ensure close coordination and cooperation on security issues of common interest; and call for closer cooperation in the field of defense industry and military collaboration;
22. Support the outcomes of the 1st Informal meeting of the Assistants/Advisors of the Heads of State on Foreign Policy issues upon the initiative of Azerbaijan on 2 September 2023 in Istanbul and 1st Political Consultations at the level of the Deputy Foreign Ministers of the Member and Observer States upon the initiative of Türkiye on 4 October 2023 in Istanbul, and instruct to continue such consultations on a regular basis to take stock of the regional and international developments that would affect the interests of the Turkic World in order to develop a consolidated position;
23. Welcome the holding of the informal meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) convened at the Turkish House on September 22, 2023 in New York upon the initiative of Kazakhstan and encourage the continuation of informal CFM meetings on the margins of the UN General Assembly on a regular basis;
24. Express satisfaction by outcomes of the Conference of the Special Service Agencies of the Turkic States held on 28-29th September 2023 in Samarkand and welcome the decision to include this mechanism within the framework of the OTS;
25. Welcome the initiative of the Kyrgyz side to organize joint meeting of the Heads of Ministries of Internal Affairs/Police of the Member States of the Organization of Turkic States in the second half of 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic;
26. Appreciate the successful organization of the 14th Meeting of the Council of Elders (CoE) on 18 October 2023 in Samarkand and support the continuation of the regular meetings of the Council of Elders as an advisory-consultative mechanism to underpin the efforts of the Secretariat to reach its targets;
27. Commend the Astana International Forum with the motto of “Tackling challenges through dialogue: towards cooperation, development, and progress” on 8-9 June 2023 in Astana in order to unite efforts to address key global challenges, including those in the Turkic World in an age of growing polarization and geopolitical division;
28. Commend the organization of 9th Meeting among the Official Foreign Policy Research Centers of the Member States of the OTS on 28 September 2023 in Astana, and stress the significance of co-organizing conferences, meetings, symposiums and workshops as well as produce printed material to study and present the geopolitical potential of the Turkic States, and elaborating on training programs establishing robust cooperation frameworks with a view to strengthening research and analysis capabilities;
29. Support the initiatives of Uzbekistan as put forward at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly on the introduction of the Central Asian Climate Dialogue; and on holding the International Climate Forum in Samarkand in 2024;
30. Support the initiative of Uzbekistan to adopt the UN General Assembly Resolution “Central Asia Facing Global Climate Threats: Solidarity for Common Prosperity”;

31. Welcome the announcement of the Regional Climate Summit in Kazakhstan in 2026 under the auspices of the UN and other international organizations;
32. Commend the signing of the “Shusha Declaration on the Establishment of the Conference of High Courts of the Member and Observer States of the OTS” within the International Conference on the “Judiciary and Information Technologies: Modern Challenges” held upon the initiative of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 19 October 2023 in Shusha, which set up a cooperation platform among the High Courts of the Member and Observer States;
33. Welcome the holding and signing of the Final Declaration of the Second Meeting of the Council of Prosecutors General of the OTS on 23 October 2023 in Ankara, Türkiye;
34. Welcome the establishment of the “Turkic Judicial Training Network” (TJTN) on the bases of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 12 December 2022 in Istanbul, and commend the activities carried out within the Network;
35. Welcome the establishment of the “Union of Notaries of the Turkic World” upon the initiative of Türkiye and the Memorandum of Understanding signed in this respect on 5 October 2023, in Ankara;
36. Welcome the initiative of the Azerbaijani side on the establishment of the consular cooperation platform within the OTS;
37. Welcome the Concept of the Chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Organization of Turkic States for 2023 – 2024;
38. Take note the proposal of Azerbaijan to convene an informal meeting of the Heads of State of the OTS at the end of April, or beginning of May, 2024, in Shusha;

ECONOMIC AND SECTORIAL COOPERATION

39. Welcome the proclamation of Astana as the Financial Center of the Turkic World in 2024 and of Istanbul as the Financial Center of the Turkic World in 2025;
40. Commend the signing of the Agreement Establishing the Turkic Investment Fund (TIF) in Ankara on 16 March 2023; stress the importance of the Turkic Investment Fund for promoting trade, economic and investment cooperation between the fraternal Turkic states; and call on the remaining Founding Members of TIF to complete their internal procedures as soon as possible in order for the TIF to become fully operational;
41. Commend the establishment of the Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) entrusted with the crucial task of implementing the strategies outlined in the OTS Trade Facilitation Strategy, which was resolutely adopted at the Samarkand Summit, recognize the invaluable role that the TFC will play in streamlining trade processes, reducing barriers, and fostering a more conducive environment for trade among Turkic States, direct the TFC and relevant authorities of the Member States to actively elaborate concrete bilateral and multilateral projects in alignment with the objectives outlined in the OTS Trade Facilitation Strategy, and instruct the Secretary General to report the CHS on the progress made by the TFC at the 11th OTS Summit;

42. Recognize the important role of e-commerce for economic development, increasing employment and improving people's well-being, advocate for deepening cooperation among Member States in this area in order to promote the economic growth, instruct relevant institutions to take measures to enhance cooperation activities on e-commerce; and encourage the Member States to conclude the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement;
43. Express appreciation for the Establishment on 30 July 2023 in Shusha of the Professional Unions of Turkic Countries and holding its 1st Meeting on 21-23 September 2023 in Samarkand to promote the augmentation of capabilities, facilitate the exchange of knowledge, and advocate for the collective interests of the labor unions of the signatory countries on the international stage;
44. Commend the establishment of the Geographic Council of Turkic States (GCTS) on 9 May 2023, in Tashkent;
45. Express the importance of further unifying efforts in order to strengthen cooperation in the fields of standardization, technical regulation, conformity assessment and accreditation among the relevant institutions of OTS Member States with the aim of eliminating technical barriers in trade without prejudice to their international obligations;
46. Welcome the signing of the “Cooperation Protocol among the Relevant Institutions of the OTS Member States in the field of Metrology aimed to contribute to sustainable development of metrological infrastructure in accordance with the global objectives of the OTS;
47. Commend the adoption of the concept of establishing the “Research Center for Trade Cooperation in Turkic Countries” which aims to develop concrete proposals and a joint action plan for trade facilitation, the widespread introduction of electronic commerce, and the increase of the volume of exports and imports in the Turkic region and the “Engineering and Technology Center on the basis of existing specialized institutions in the member countries” that will focus on the formation value chains and the development of joint projects based on the principles of competitiveness;
48. Encourage the Member States for reducing transport costs, increasing the number of transit permits and eliminating other non-physical barriers for efficient, stable and uninterrupted transportation within the Turkic region, and further steps in this direction;
49. Praise the holding “Information Exchange Program on Research and Development, and Innovation Support for SMEs” by the Secretariat in collaboration with Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (KOSGEB) of Türkiye and support of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) on 3-5 May 2023 in Istanbul;
50. Praise the adoption of the concept of “TURAN” Special Economic Zone (TURANSEZ) by the relative authorities of the Member States and appreciated the Kazakh side for adopting relevant amendments to the legislation of Kazakhstan in order to make the SEZ operational in line with the multilaterally agreed concept, and stress the importance of the cooperation among special economic zones of the Member States;
51. Commend the organization of the 1st Meeting among the Official Economic Policy Research Centers on Economic Cooperation and Integration in the Turkic World on 17-18 February 2023 in Astana, call for continuous annual co-organization of the Meeting and support co-organization of the 2nd Meeting in 2024 in Azerbaijan;

52. Stress the significance of a release of the 1st issue of the Report on Turkic Economies 2023 prepared by the Official Economic Policy Research Centers on Economic Cooperation and Integration in the Turkic World and call to continue release of the annual report by the relevant economic think tanks of the member states and observers, welcome the Economic Glossary of the Turkic World initiative of Azerbaijan to promote academic integration in the field of the Economics among the OTS member states and observers;
53. Recognize the importance of the creative economy as one of the most important components of the development of the innovative potential of the Member States, call on the Member States to support the creative industry in order to help increase the competitiveness of economies, the development of small and medium-sized businesses and the expansion of the employment market of the Member States, including in remote and rural areas;
54. Commend the efforts of the OTS Secretariat in exploring the opportunities of establishing potential cooperation areas (programs and projects) with WTO, UNCTAD, OECD, UNIDO and UNECE for benefiting from their experience and best practices, thus achieving a common agenda and policy among the Member States on trade facilitation, investment promotion, SME support and industrial development;
55. Take note of the proposal of the Ministry of Industry and Technology of Republic of Türkiye in organizing first ever Ministerial meeting on Science, Technology, Innovation and Industry; calls for the Ministerial meeting to be convened at the earliest opportunity with the objective of strengthening cooperation in the fields of science, innovation, industry among member and observer states;
56. Instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to continue efforts to facilitate the transport operations across the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor and to bolster transport cooperation among the Member and Observer States with a focus on the advancement of physical and digital transport infrastructure projects;
57. Praise the adoption of the Action Plan on the Implementation of the OTS Transport Connectivity Program, and task the Ministries in Charge of Transport to duly execute and oversee its implementation;
58. Call for necessary steps to be taken in order to expand cooperation in the field of transport among the OTS Member States, and encourage the organization of the 7th meeting of Ministers of Transport of the OTS and International Conference on the theme “International Transport-Logistics Corridors: Development impulses from Zangilan” to be hosted by Azerbaijan in Zangilan city in this regard;
59. Endorse the continued efforts within the OTS for the digitalization of transport and transit procedures, express gratification over the operationalization of the “e-Permit” project between Türkiye and Uzbekistan, and encourage the endeavors of relevant institutions in the Member States to implement the “e-Permit” project, drawing from the experiences of both countries;
60. Urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to expedite the completion of the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the “Agreement on International Combined Freight Transport among the Governments of the Member States of the

Organization of Turkic States” and “Agreement on the Establishment of Simplified Customs Corridor among the Governments of the Organization of Turkic States”;

61. Stress the need to capitalize on the emerging opportunities in the development of multimodal transport routes, with a specific focus on the Middle Corridor, considering the importance of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway Line, as well as the transport communications connecting the East Zangezur Economic region and Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of the Republic of Azerbaijan, China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan- Turkmenistan – Iran and Termez-Mazar-i-Sharif-Kabul-Peshawar railway lines;

62. Commend the outcomes of the 2nd Meeting of Heads of Railway Administrations of the OTS Member States held on 14 September 2023 in Istanbul, and instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to further consolidate their efforts on establishing alternative, cost-effective, and timely international railway corridors within the OTS domain;

63. Welcome the launch of the first freight block train from Türkiye to Uzbekistan in December 2022, and encourage the ongoing endeavors under the aegis of the OTS aimed at establishing new regular/scheduled block train services between the Member and Observer States;

64. Praise the outcomes of the International Forum “Railway Connectivity of the Turkic States: Fergana Valley – Anadolu” which took place on 27 April 2023 in Fergana and the Multimodal Transport and Logistics Forum hosted by the OTS on 13-14 September 2023 in Istanbul that brought together representatives from the public and private sectors, leading transport and logistics companies, businesses, and stakeholders from the Turkic region;

65. Support the initiatives of the OTS Secretariat on regularly holding such thematic forums and conferences as a platform for constructive discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaborative initiatives geared towards advancing the development of multimodal transport routes;

66. Instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to continue joint efforts aimed at simplifying customs procedures, introducing digital tools in customs operations, sharing best practices, conducting capacity-building programs, and ensuring the uninterrupted operation of customs-border checkpoints to enhance the competitiveness and attractiveness of the Middle Corridor;

67. Commend the mutual expansion of low-cost flight operations between the Member States and task the national civil aviation authorities to continue their endeavors to further broaden the current air transport, air cargo and low-cost flight networks among the Member States;

68. Welcome the holding of the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) on 20 June 2023 and support the outcomes of this meeting; in this regard, underline the importance of the 5th Meeting of Ministers in charge of ICT and field visit program on e-government to be organized in Bishkek;

69. Praise Astana Hub for conducting the two “Hero Training programs” and 4th batch of a Joint Program – “Silkway Accelerator” for technology startups from OTS Member States in Silicon Valley, USA in 2023;

70. Commend the OTS Secretariat for organized field visit program for OTS Member States to “Technoparks and Innovation Centers of Türkiye” in close partnership with “Bilkent Cyberpark” on 9-11 May 2023 in Ankara and Istanbul, to exchange best practices and experiences of Türkiye;

71. Appreciate the organization of a trade delegation by Bilkent Cyberpark to the cities of Almaty and Astana on 24-29 April 2023 as well as a trade delegation by companies located in Kazakhstan, which was held on 18-21 September 2023 in Ankara;

72. Encourage the establishment of innovation and technology parks in Member States to foster research, development, and entrepreneurship in high-tech sectors like artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and space exploration;

73. Task the Secretariat to support and assist the IT companies and startups from the Turkic region to establish a close network and collaboration between Technoparks and Technology/Innovation Centers;

74. Welcome the opening “Silk Road Innovation Hub in Silicon Valley” in Palo Alto, Silicon Valley, USA aimed to support and promote IT entrepreneurship and create prerequisites for the development of the IT export in the Turkic region;

75. Support the outcomes of the 2nd Meeting among the Space Agencies and Relevant Authorities of the OTS held on 25 April 2023 in Tashkent, and encourage Member and Observer States to launch the joint cube satellite project which will provide cooperation opportunities in agriculture, irrigation, and struggle against natural disasters, with the possibility to dividing the work on the creation cube satellites, taking into account the interest and professional capabilities of the Member States;

76. Commend the successful organization of the Turkic Space Explorers Academy which is hosted by the Turkish Space Agency on 27 August-2 September 2023 in Bursa, and instruct relevant authorities of the Member States to continue organizing this Program to enhance cooperation and network among the youngsters of the Turkic World;

77. Welcome the decisions of the 3rd meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the OTS Member States held on 29-30 March 2023 in Budapest, and highlight the significance of the strategic partnership among the Member States in the field of energy, including the development of cooperation in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency;

78. Welcome the holding of the Human Resources Forum on 5 December 2022 in Istanbul at the initiative of the Presidency of Türkiye Human Resources Office, as well as the outcomes of the Second Meeting of the Heads of Agencies responsible for the development of Human Resources of the OTS Member States held on 23-24 October 2023 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan;

79. Encourage the proliferation of digital tools for human resource management like “Distance Learning Gate (Uzaktan Eğitim Kapısı)” in line with the Memorandum of Understanding on “Modern Human Resources Systems (e-insan)” signed at the Ninth Summit; and support the implementation of joint education programs in “Human Resources Management” under the coordination of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Human Resources Office;

80. Take note of the proposal of the Turkish side for the establishment of the Turkic World Human Resources Development Institute in order to follow the developments in the field of Human Resources and implement them more effectively;

81. Endorse the results of the 2nd meeting of Ministers of Agriculture held in Baku on 26 September 2023 and the adoption of the Action Plan of the 5 sub-groups established within the framework of the OTS Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation;

82. Appreciate the successful organization of the 2nd Turkic Agro-Business Forum on the sidelines of the Ministerial meeting, and instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to continue organizing this forum in order to enhance cooperation and networking among government institutions and business communities, and to increase trade and attract investment in agriculture within the Turkic region;

83. Welcome the initiative to announce the city of Guba as the agricultural capital of the Turkic World, and appreciate the regular continuation of the practice of declaring the cities of the OTS member states as agricultural capitals on an annual basis; encourage "OTS-made" as well as insurance of agricultural products in order to expand the OTS trade geography and ensure sustainable food security;

84. Commend the successful convening of the inaugural meeting of the Drought Prevention Institute held on 19 June 2023, in Gödöllő, Hungary, welcome the Institute's innovative project-centered approach, which promises to be a catalyst for tangible solutions, praise the launch of the first afforestation project in the Batken region of the Kyrgyz Republic, which exemplifies the Institute's proactive approach in mitigating the adverse effects of drought, and encourage all Member States to follow suit by presenting their own impactful project proposals, fostering a united front in their endeavors to combat drought and its far-reaching consequences;

85. Welcome Türkiye's proposal to celebrate 11 November as the "Turkic States National Planting Day" as a sign underlining the importance of protection of forests and decide that as of 11 November 2023, "Turkic States National Planting Day" will be celebrated every year by the Member and Observer States of the OTS;

86. Commend the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Türkiye for having conducted online training program within the OTS in the field of agriculture in September 2023 on "Water Resources Development in Türkiye";

87. Support the initiative of Uzbekistan to establish formal relations between the OTS and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); commend efforts of the Secretariat to this end;

88. Welcome the outcomes of the 3rd meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Member States/Observers of the OTS, "Turkic Medical World Congress" and Health Business Forum held on 16-17 August, 2023, in Samarkand, Republic of Uzbekistan, the signing of the "Joint Declaration" of the mentioned ministerial meeting and to hold the next ministerial meeting in 2024, in Shusha, Republic of Azerbaijan;

89. Welcome the initiative of the Member States to create a common network in the field of health tourism, which involves establishing collaboration and cooperation among various

stakeholders, including governments, healthcare providers, travel agencies, and relevant authorities;

90. Praise the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Türkiye for having successfully conducted a “Medical Rescue Team Training Program” for the Member and Observer States on 1-7 October 2023 in Izmir-Urla with the participation of 21 healthcare workers from the OTS region;

91. Welcome the signing of the Action Plan for the term 2024-2025 between the OTS and the World Health Organization (WHO/Europe) for the implementation of the MoU on cooperation between the two organizations, and task the relevant authorities of the Member States for the realization of the mentioned Action Plan;

92. Encourage the Member States to establish joint initiatives to combat infectious diseases, share medical expertise, and work towards universal healthcare coverage;

93. Support the outcomes of the VIII meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Tourism of the Organization of Turkic States and the International Tourism Forum "Turkistan - the tourism capital of the Turkic world" held on October 11-12 in Turkistan, Kazakhstan;

94. Commend the successful organization of the tourism training program of the OTS on 7-12 May 2023 in Hungary with the participation of the representatives of the public and private sector of the Member and Observer States, and instruct the relevant authorities to continue organizing training programs to increase networking opportunities among the tourism professionals;

95. Encourage the establishment of the website of www.turkicsilkroad.com, and instruct the relevant authorities of the Member and Observer States to provide necessary support for enriching the content and increasing the visibility of the website;

96. Welcome the ongoing efforts on the implementation of the pilot project “Tabarruk Ziyorat”, and instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to take necessary measures for facilitating the soonest implementation of the pilot project and extending it towards the other Member and Observer States;

97. Support the organization of the international scientific conference "Common Cultural Heritage of the Turkic World: Tourism Route of Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Cultures", to be held, in Shusha;

98. Welcome the signing of the Baku Declaration on the establishment of the Turkic Site Managers Network of the OTS within the International Conference on the “Livable and Sustainable Heritage Cities” held on 10-13 October 2023 in Baku at the initiative of the Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve “Icheri Sheher”;

99. Welcome the tradition of holding meetings of National Commissions for UNESCO of TURKSOY member states in the cities declared as the Cultural Capital of the Turkic World and support the proposal of holding the 10th Meeting of UNESCO National Commissions of TURKSOY Member States in Anau (Anev), Turkmenistan in 2024;

100. Condemn the loss, destruction, removal, theft, pillage, illicit movement, or misappropriation of and any acts of vandalism or damage, directed against Turkic cultural heritage worldwide and call on the enhancement of activities related to safeguarding and promoting such common heritage of Turkic people by understanding the importance of it for future generations;

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE COOPERATION

101. Appreciate the organization of the "International Baku/Shusha Forum of Heads of State Institutions Responsible for Diaspora Issues" by OTS on December 20-21, and emphasize the importance of strengthening cultural, linguistic and social relations between Turkic states and communities living in all parts of the world;

102. Appreciate the organization of the event "First Forum of Diaspora Youth of Turkic States: Heydar Aliyev and the Turkic World" within the framework of the "Year of Heydar Aliyev", on September 25-28, 2023 in Baku, organized by the State Committee on Work with Diaspora of the Republic of Azerbaijan and in partnership with the Organization of Turkic States, and encourage the relevant authorities of member states to develop similar initiatives to bring together Turkic diasporas in their countries or abroad;

103. Welcome the 4th meeting of the Heads of Muslim Religious Boards of the OTS to be held in Uzbekistan, and encourage to improve cooperation among the Boards based on the ideas of Turkic-Islamic solidarity, national-spiritual, moral, and cultural values of the Turkic peoples;

104. Urge the Ministers and Heads of Institutions in Charge of Diaspora Affairs of the OTS to increase their cooperation and coordination in accordance with the "Turkic Speaking Diaspora Joint Activity Strategy", annual "Turkic Diaspora Joint Action Plans"; "Turkic World Vision-2040", and "OTS Strategy 2022-2026";

105. Welcome the organization of the 5th Meeting of the Ministers/Heads of Institutions in charge of Diaspora Affairs of the OTS to be held in Bishkek and call on the Member States to take an active part in the meeting to ensure maximum cooperation in the field of Diaspora Affairs;

106. Support the outcomes of the 5th meeting of the Ministers in charge of Media and Information of the OTS held on 16-17 October 2023 in Bishkek, and call on the Member States to take necessary steps for the implementation of the agreed matters within the field of media;

107. Welcome the inaugural meeting of the Alliance of Turkic News Agencies (ATNA) to be held in Istanbul with the gathering of all respective news agencies; AA (Republic of Türkiye), AZERTAC (Republic of Azerbaijan), Kabar (Kyrgyz Republic), Qazcontent (Republic of Kazakhstan), and UZA (Republic of Uzbekistan);

108. Take note of the initiative of Turkish side to establish the Turkic States Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (T-BRAF);

109. Encourage the OTS Secretariat and the relevant authorities of Kazakhstan as a host to streamline their efforts for organizing in September 2024 in Kazakhstan the 5th World Nomad Games, which is an important sign of common heritage of the Turkic peoples;

110. State that the First Turkic World Cultural Forum, held on 13-14 October 2023, in Shusha was successful as an important platform which brought together representatives of all relevant parties and consider it appropriate to organize the Forum regularly;

111. Support the organization of the 7th meeting of the Ministers in charge of Youth and Sports of the OTS to be held in Basgal, Azerbaijan, and urge the relevant institutions of the Member States to take necessary steps under the Youth and Sports agenda of the OTS;

112. Welcome the initiative of Uzbekistan on the establishment of the Turkic Creative Youth Encouragement Center and task the Secretariat to take necessary measures to this end;

113. Welcome the official announcement of the city of Istanbul as the “Youth Capital of the Turkic World-2023”, and commend the organization of the 2nd Young Entrepreneurs Forum and 5th Young Leaders Forum of the OTS on 4 May 2023 in Istanbul;

114. Welcome the outcomes of the 7th Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Education of the OTS held on 14 June 2023 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan;

115. Taking into account the necessity of providing favorable conditions for the education of the young generation at the OTS, support the steps taken by the Secretariat for strengthening TURKUNIB and Orkhun Exchange Program, as well as implementation of the student-teacher exchange in the framework of Sister Schools Partnership Program within the OTS fostering a greater sense of unity and shared knowledge among Turkic peoples;

116. Welcome the holding of international conferences, forums, and workshops for the benefit of promoting and supporting the great cultural heritage of the Turkic peoples, including the Turkic Kagan Alp Er Tonga and others, which are an integral part of the Turkic statehood and history;

117. Appreciate the organization of the international conference on the theme of “Educational activities of the Jadids: ideas, goals, objectives and their contribution to the development of Turkestan” on 6-7 March, 2023 in Tashkent; and welcome the International Scientific Conference on the theme of Jadids: Ideas of National Identity, Independence, and Statehood” to be organized in Tashkent;

118. Appreciate the organization of the VII World Epics Festival on 17-21 May 2023 in Osh, Kyrgyz Republic and call on the Member States to further promote intangible cultural heritage of Turkic people;

119. Take note of the initiative of the Turkish side on the establishment of the affiliated intergovernmental institution responsible for the sports agenda under the umbrella of the Organization of Turkic States with its headquarters in the Kyrgyz Republic; and instruct the Secretariat to take necessary measures to this end;

120. Welcome the declaration of Shusha of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World 2023” upon the initiative of TURKSOY, express satisfaction with

the activities organized in the city, also welcome the adoption of Anau (Anev), Turkmenistan as the “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World 2024”, and of Aktau, Republic of Kazakhstan as the “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World 2025” and express their support to the activities that will be organized in Anau (Anev) in 2024 and in Aktau in 2025;

121. Welcome the establishment of the Turkic World Common Alphabet Commission as an initiative by the Council of Elders of the OTS, support the outcomes of its first meeting held by the Turkic Academy in Astana on 29 May 2023, and urge the relevant authorities of the Member and Observer States to continue necessary work.

122. Welcome the Final Declaration of the International Conference on “Integration role of the common Turkic Alphabet: Scientific and social aspects” organized by the Turkic Academy, Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History, Turkish Language Association and hosted by Al-Farabi Kazakh National University on 27 October 2023 in Almaty;

123. Appreciate the successful organization of the “International Türkiye Alumni Reunion” in Azerbaijan on 29-30 September 2023, held by Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of the Republic of Türkiye, and encourage the promotion of the further multi-national alumni collaboration among the Turkic States and communities;

124. Commend the Türkiye Scholarships Programme’s human oriented efforts to spread Turkic State’s values, cultures and languages which is provided by Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of the Republic of Türkiye and its positive impacts on establishing a comprehensive bond between the countries of Turkic States and communities living across the world; and support the positive role of the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of the Republic of Türkiye by virtue of contribution for strengthening the communication between sister diasporas in various countries;

125. Recognize the importance of the 1st Turkic Statehood History Congress dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, organized by the Turkic Academy on 14-16 September 2023 in Cholpon-Ata, the Kyrgyz Republic, which promotes awareness and appreciation of common Turkic history;

126. Encourage the Turkic Cooperation Organizations to develop activities for strengthening the skills of talented and educated youth, and appreciate the First Young Turkologists Summer School of the Turkic World organized by the Turkic Academy in June 2023 in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic, dedicated to the Turkic states' history, archeology, language, and literature;

127. Acknowledge the conduct of archaeological works by the Turkic Academy aimed at identifying ancient artifacts of Turkic history, including the continuation of excavations in the Arkhangal region of Mongolia (Nomgon-2) and the ancient city of Jankent in the Kyzylorda region of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

128. Commend the successful organization of the International Language Forum of Turkic Peoples on 21 September 2023 in Bishkek with the participation of the academicians from Turkic states and heads of Turkic cooperation organizations;

129. Acknowledge TCHF's efforts to promote Ancient Turkic writing worldwide, as exemplified by the international exhibition "Petroglyphs, Tribal Tamgas, and Ancient Turkic Writing" held in Amsterdam on 14-15 September 2023 and in Bern on 26-27 October 2023, and praise TCHF's endeavors to promote Turkic literature globally, including the publication of books dedicated to notable figures of the Turkic World,

130. Commend TCHF for their restoration efforts, including the project to renovate the Alykul Osmonov house-museum in Bishkek and the upcoming "Architecture Conference" in Shusha and; recognize TCHF's contributions to the celebration of "Shusha - the Cultural Capital of the Turkic World" through "Shusha Days" in Bursa in 2022, and in Tashkent, Budapest, Astana, and Turkistan in 2023;

131. Appreciate TCHF's contribution to marking the jubilees of the Turkic World commemorating the 100th anniversary of Heydar Aliyev, the Great Leader of the Azerbaijani people, including a special conference in Astana jointly organized with the Turkic Academy, concerts of the "Seven Beauties" in Budapest, Bern, and The Hague. Congratulate TCHF on their initiatives to honor the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, such as the "Cultural Heritage of the 19th Century Turkic World Through Yıldız Palace Photography Collection Exhibition" in Istanbul. Acknowledge the successful premiere of the play "Mother Field" in Baku on 26 April in honor of Chingiz Aitmatov's 95th anniversary;

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN THE TURKIC WORLD

132. Support the further institutionalization of the OTS including the increasing of staff and budget of the Secretariat, in accordance with the compulsory contributions of the Member States to meet the objectives of the OTS, and instruct the Secretariat to carry out studies and prepare a report with concrete proposals until the next meeting of the CHS;

133. Acknowledging the Secretariat's dedicated efforts on the implementation of decisions taken by the Parties which will serve to review progress, evaluate the implementation of collaborative priorities;

134. 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;

135. Encourage enhancement of cooperation among the Turkic Cooperation Organizations under the umbrella of the Secretariat of the OTS for the efficient implementation of the common Turkic cooperation agenda, and instruct the Chairman of the Coordination Committee to continue the practice of developing an annual Action Plan of the Turkic Cooperation Organization for 2024 to properly coordinate the activities of this structure;

136. Appreciate the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the TURKSOY in the Member States, and wish success in promoting and popularizing the great culture of the Turkic peoples;

137. Welcome obtaining of Observer Status by TRNC, as an integral part of the Turkic World, at TURKPA; and the Union of Turkic Chambers of Commerce and Industry (TCCI);

138. Take note of the outcomes of the 12th Plenary Session of TURKPA held on 29 April 2023 in Ankara, and encourage its activities on the elaboration of model legislation;

139. Commend the OTS and TURKPA on observation of elections and referenda in the Member and Observer States to support the political participation and good governance;

140. Support the initiative of the Union of National Academies of Sciences of the Turkic World regarding broadening the scope of the working agenda of the Turkic Academy to include the natural and applied sciences, which are essential to maintaining the Turkic states' competitiveness in science and technology, and note with appreciation launching of twenty projects by Turkic Academy in the domain of history, languages, Turkic culture, and society;

COOPERATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

141. Urge strengthening the active cooperation of the Member and Observer States at international arena, and encourage supporting each other's candidacies and initiatives, as well as their resolutions and statements to be delivered on topics of common interest within international organizations, where possible;

142. Welcome the Observer Status of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) at the OTS;

143. Express satisfaction with the rising attention of the third countries and international organizations in developing institutional cooperation with the OTS on areas of mutual interest, and urge to accelerate joint efforts to obtain Observer Status for the OTS at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly and Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

144. Welcome the initiative proposed by the Secretary-General to organize the "Turkic Week" event in Geneva, in close cooperation with the UN Office in Geneva as an initiative representing a significant opportunity to enhance the visibility of Turkic cooperation on the global stage, and instruct the Member and Observer States as well all Turkic Cooperation Organizations to work closely and collaboratively with the OTS Secretariat to ensure the successful organization of the "Turkic Week" in Geneva;

145. Welcome the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and UN-Habitat, the United Nations agency responsible for sustainable urban development on 27 February 2023 at the OTS Secretariat in Istanbul;

146. Commend the outcomes of the Meeting of Ministers in charge of Urban Planning of the OTS convened on 30 September 2023 in Baku, on the sidelines of the 2nd session of the Azerbaijan National Urban Forum and the World Habitat Day 2023;

147. Welcome the efforts of the OTS Secretariat on establishing close collaboration between the OTS and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the realization of common objectives to achieve mutually beneficial development in the field of inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the OTS region, in particular clean/green energy, agro-industry, investments, digital industrial technologies, knowledge and experience sharing;

148. Encourage the Secretariat to increase cooperation with all relevant international and regional organizations and carry out joint projects on areas of mutual interests;

149. Task the Secretariat to carry out necessary works on the establishment of OTS – Gulf Cooperation Council, OTS – African Union and OTS - European Union platforms and organize joint meetings;

150. Welcome the adoption of the Road Map for Transformation of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) into a full-fledged international organization during an Informal Meeting of the CICA Council of Foreign Ministers on 21 September 2023 in New York;

151. Commend 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, and support further enhancement of cooperation among the development agencies of the Member States;

152. Take note of the importance of the adopted resolution of the United Nations 77th General Assembly's session "Sustainable Mountain Development", agreed to join efforts to implement the "Five Year of Action for the Development of Mountainous Regions 2023-2027";

ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES:

153. Congratulate the Republic of Uzbekistan for the successful Chairpersonship of the OTS in 2022-2023 under the motto of "New Era for Turkic Civilization: Towards Common Development and Prosperity", and highly value its great contribution to the activities of the Organization;

154. Commend the significant achievements in the activities of the Secretariat of the OTS since the last regular Summit as presented by the Secretary General Kubanychbek Omuraliev in his report, and underline the necessity to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat for effective implementation of its growing tasks;

155. Commend the outgoing the Deputy Secretary General of the OTS Mr. Yerzhan Mukash and the President of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation (TCHF) Ms. Günay Afandiyeva for their contribution;

156. Decide to hold the 11th Summit of the OTS in 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Heads of States express profound thanks to H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, for steering the deliberations of the Jubilee 10th Summit of the OTS to a successful conclusion and appreciate the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Kazakhstan. They welcome the assumption of the Chairmanship of the OTS by the Republic of Kazakhstan until the next Summit.

Signed on 3 November 2023 in Astana, in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish and Uzbek languages.

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