

**DECLARATION OF THE SEVENTH SUMMIT OF
THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES
Baku, Azerbaijan**

The Council of Heads of State of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (hereinafter referred to as the Turkic Council) met on 15 October 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan on the theme of “Supporting the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)”. The meeting presided over by H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and was attended by H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan-Elbasy and Honorary Chairman of the Turkic Council, H.E. Sooronbai Zheenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and H.E. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary. H.E. Purli Agamyradov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan also attended the meeting upon the invitation of H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Heads of State of the Turkic Council,

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Turkic Council, reaffirm their adherence to the purposes and principles of Nakhchivan Agreement on the establishment of the Turkic Council; and *highlighting* their resolve to further deepen and widen cooperation within the multilateral framework of the Turkic Council;

Reiterating their strong will to further strengthen and consolidate the solidarity based on common history, language, culture and traditions of the Turkic speaking peoples;

Reaffirming their intention to promote interests of Turkic World in international arena;

Expressing satisfaction with the progress achieved in realizing the goals specified in the Declarations of the Turkic Council Summits;

Aiming at strengthening political and economic security 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;

Highlighting the remarkable political and socio-economic progress that the Turkic Speaking States achieved since their independence, and *underlining* their wish for further cooperation under the multilateral framework of the Turkic Council;

Praising the historic decision of the Republic of Uzbekistan to become full member of the Turkic Council on the 10th anniversary of Nakhchivan Agreement and *expressing* their confidence that with this decision solidarity within the Turkic Speaking States will be further strengthened and the joint cooperation for the common good and prosperity of Turkic peoples will be further developed;

Declared that they:

COOPERATION IN ECONOMY:

1. Remain committed to the purpose of creating favorable conditions among the Member States by taking necessary measures to facilitate mutual trade and investment, as well as enhancing cooperation and exchanges among the private sectors; and instruct the relevant authorities to follow-up of the decisions taken at the Eighth and Ninth Meetings of the Ministers in Charge of Economy respectively held on 17 October 2018 in Bishkek and on 3 July 2019 in Nur-Sultan;

2. Highly value the establishment of Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) as a new and robust mechanism to enhance trade and investment cooperation among the Member States as well as the First and Second General Assembly Meetings of the TCCI held on 31 July 2019 in Istanbul and 14 October 2019 in Baku;

- Appreciate Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) for hosting the permanent Secretariat of TCCI in Istanbul;
- Instruct TCCI member organizations to elaborate sustainable business programs and projects beneficial for intra-trade and socio-economic development of the Member States;
- Support the process of TCCI for assuming a legal status as an international entity in accordance with the relevant legislation of the Republic of Turkey;

3. Underline the importance of new Turkic Business Web Portal (www.turkicbusiness.com) for strengthening relations among private sectors of Turkic Speaking States and instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to provide the necessary information for the operationalization of this web portal;

4. Welcome the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding on Information and Experience Sharing Among Various Types of Economic Zones” aiming at a sustainable multilateral cooperation among the Member States through holding regular consultations and engaging in multilateral activities;

5. Appreciate the efforts of the relevant bodies of the Member States and the Secretariat for establishing the Joint Investment Fund and instruct them to finalize the concept paper and other relevant documents for the functioning of the Fund;

6. Encourage Member States to enhance technical cooperation regarding technical regulations, standardization, certification, conformity assessment and accreditation among each other;

7. Call on the national agencies in charge of trade registry to work on a potential cooperation in order to facilitate the cross-border affairs, movements and cooperation of entrepreneurs in Member States for boosting mutual cooperation and international trade among them;

8. Note the importance of the “Research Paper on Investment Climate and International Trade Complementarities of the Turkic Council Member States” prepared by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) which help the relevant authorities of the Member States to make assessment on the current trade and investment patterns, gaps and complementarities in the region while preparing alternative policy measures to enhance intra-trade and mutual investment; and urge the Member States to finalize the Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper initiated by Turkey, which would boost overall trade among the Member States;

9. Praise awarding the national companies of the Member States by the Secretariat of the Turkic Council with the “Turkic Business Prize” for their contributions to mutual trade and investment; and instruct the Secretariat to continue such practices in encouraging the business communities to further develop economic relations in the Turkic World;

10. Support the cooperation among the Small and Medium Business Development Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (KOBIA), DAMU Entrepreneurship Development Fund of Kazakhstan, Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic, Medium Enterprises Development Organization of Turkey (KOSGEB), Small Enterprises and Entrepreneurs Development Agency

of Uzbekistan and the Turkic Council; encourage furthering the successful exchange of experience and information among them;

11. Commend the successful organization of Investment and Business Forums on 5 October 2019 in Tashkent and the Business Forum to take place on the margins of the 7th Summit on 14 October 2019 in Baku; and instruct the Secretariat to lend necessary support to the organization of the Business Forum to be convened in Kyrgyz Republic in 2020;

12. Praise the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Turkey for its intention to organize a training on export promotion program for the Member States in 2019; and commend the TOBB for carrying out a training program for the representatives of National Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Member States on 29 July 2019 in Istanbul;

13. Emphasize the significant potential for establishing and improving cooperation among members in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy; and in this context note the organization of 11. Energy Efficiency Forum and Fair in Istanbul in 2020;

14. Encourage Member States to cooperate and exchange know-how and expertise regarding security of supply, liberalization of the energy sector, establishment and/or operation of markets;

15. Underline the importance of strengthening cooperation among the Member States in the field of transport; support the decisions of the Fourth Meeting of the Ministers of Transport held on 17 April 2019 in Bishkek; and instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to create favorable conditions and simplify administrative procedures to render the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor an efficient, sustainable and seamless route between East and West;

16. Support the decision to convene the Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Transport in 2020 in Budapest; and encourage the Member States to explore with Hungary the perspectives of using its trade-logistics potential in the larger European context to use it in the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor;

17. Commend the decision to conduct a road demonstration tour (Road Trade Caravan) across the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor starting from Khorgos Logistic Centre (Republic of Kazakhstan) and checkpoint «IrkeshTam» (Kyrgyz Republic) to Istanbul to demonstrate the efficiency of the corridor to the world; and instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to give requisite support to the implementation of the tour;

18. Note the importance of the inclusion of Port Kuryk in the Turkic Council Sister Ports process as well as the outcomes of the Third Meeting of the Sister Ports of the Turkic Council organized on 13 May 2019 in Aktau; and encourage deeper cooperation among the Turkic Council Sister Seaports, as well as the dry and sea ports of the other Turkic Speaking States;

19. Commend the organization of the Turkic Council Logistic Forum on the margins of the 1st Caspian Ports and Shipping Forum organized by the Government of Kazakhstan on 13-15 May 2019 in Aktau; and highlight the importance of promoting the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor by organizing such high-level international forums and conferences in the Member States;

20. Underline the importance of concluding the Agreement on the International Combined Transport of Goods, prepared by the Turkic Council, and instruct the related institutions to intensify negotiations on its finalization;

21. Support further intensification of customs cooperation among the Member States to revitalize historic Silk Road; instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to complete the field visits to the designated border crossing points within the Caravanserai Project and ensure joint efforts of the Member States for the involvement of China in the mentioned project;
22. Commend the outcomes of the Seventh Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the Turkic Council convened on 11 March 2019 in Nur-Sultan, highlighting the importance of close collaboration with private sector of the Member States; and appreciate the signing of “Memorandum of Understanding Among the Customs Administrations of the Member States of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States on Cooperation in the field of Customs Enforcement”;
23. Praise the successful organization of the International Workshops on “Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)” and “Customs Transit Facilitation” held on 5-6 November 2018 and 28 January 2019 respectively in Nur-Sultan and Baku; and encourage the use of modern customs mechanisms and advanced information exchange system for the simplification of export and import procedures;
24. Support the decisions taken at the Third Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) held on 31 January 2019 in Almaty; and underline the importance of collaboration among Turkish e-government gateway, ASAN Service, Astana Hub and other partner institutions with a view to promote cooperation and exchange of experience in the fields of state services, e-government and e-services among the Member States;
25. Appreciate the signing of the Declaration of Intent on the Delivery of Public Services and e-Government Cooperation between the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Turkey and Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency on the sidelines of the UN Public Service Forum held on 24 June 2019 in Baku and support the initiatives between the Member States in the area of digitalization of state services;
26. Emphasizing the importance of conducting exchange of experience in the field of developing start-up ecosystem and innovations among the Member States, promote the establishment of bilateral and multilateral cooperation platforms in this field;
27. Welcome the readiness of Turkey to draft Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the sphere of e-government and e-signature, upon the completion of the project between Azerbaijan and Turkey on mutual recognition of e-signature certificates;
28. Support the decision to have a joint satellite operation, serving to regional and global broadcasting needs of the Member States and in this context welcome the initiative of Turkey to allocate a space segment for a definite period for the national TV channels of the Member States in TURKSAT satellites; and support holding the workshops, seminars and joint projects on satellite and space technologies;
29. Endorse the efforts of the Member States on Trans-Eurasian Information Super Highway (TASIM) project and instruct the relevant institutions to complete the finalization of feasibility study on TASIM project; and to take practical measures for the realization of the Project; in this regard welcoming the agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Kazakhstan on the joint construction and operation of the Trans-Caspian fiber optic communication line on the Azerbaijan-Kazakhstan route as a contribution for promoting the TASIM project;
30. Encourage Member States to continue organizing cyber-security exercises and training programs for national software developers and promoting start-ups in cyber-security domain;

31. Reaffirm the importance of capitalizing on the natural and geographic advantages of the Member States located on the Silk Road for joint economic benefit; and encourage the relevant authorities of the Member States to jointly promote the “Turkic Council Modern Silk Road Joint Tour Package” as an important tourism project to reveal the common cultural and historical heritage of the Member States along the Silk Road in all necessary means including the national and international tourism exhibitions;

32. Call on the national and/or commercial airline companies of the Member States to lend necessary support to the Secretariat for rendering the Joint Tour Package attractive and competitive in financial terms at the initial stage; and urge the allocation of necessary financial support by each Member States to ensure the promotion of the Joint Tour Package;

33. Underpin the launch of a joint project “Silk Road Tourism Capitals Initiative (TCI)” by the Turkic Council and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), which aims to deepen tourism partnership and create networking opportunities among the Silk Road Cities in order to attract tourists to the region;

34. Instruct the Official Foreign Policy Research Centers for the preparation of Geo-economic Atlas of the Turkic World in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Turkic Council;

COOPERATION IN FOREIGN POLICY/SECURITY ISSUES AND RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

35. Emphasize the need to continue close coordination and cooperation on foreign policy/security issues of common interest through regular consultations at the level of Foreign Ministers;

36. Appreciate the active cooperation of the Member States at international fora and express support for the candidacies of each other within international organizations, where possible;

37. Express satisfaction with the increasing cooperation of the Turkic Council with regional and international organizations. In this regard;

- a) support the continuation of the coordinated efforts of the Member States and the Secretariat in line with the “Road Map” for obtaining observer status in the UN General Assembly; and urge the continuation of the cooperation among the Member States to this end;
- b) praise the implementation of the “Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between the Turkic Council and the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)”; commend the contribution of the Turkic Council to UNOSSC Report “South-South and Triangular Cooperation on Peace and Development” published in 2019; praise the Secretariat’s active role at the Global South-South Development EXPO 2018 in New-York in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA); and instruct the Secretariat to carry out projects contributing to the enhancement of South-South and triangular cooperation in the region;
- c) highly value the strengthened cooperation between the Turkic Council and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC); and praise the representation of the Turkic Council at the Group of Friends Ministerial meeting dedicated to the theme of "Building Bridges: Using Soft Power to Promote a Culture of Peace" on 28 September 2018 in New York at UN Headquarters, and encourage the continuation of joint initiatives between the two organizations;

- d) urge the continuation of enhanced cooperation between the Turkic Council and the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and call on the Member States and the Secretariat to intensify their joint efforts with UNWTO to promote tourism in the Member States through the “UNWTO Silk Road Program”;
- e) praise the Secretariat for its efforts in obtaining observer status for Turkic Council at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and commend endeavors of the Member States for a special reference to the Turkic Council in the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit held on 31 May 2019 in Makkah, which will finalize the obtention of observer status by the Turkic Council at OIC;
- f) approve the joint work program prepared by the Secretariats of the Turkic Council and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on 7-8 April 2019 at ECO Secretariat in Tehran based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between two organizations for future cooperation;
- g) appreciate the common position of the Member States on strengthening the visibility of the Turkic Council in Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); note the importance of participation of the Secretary General of the Turkic Council in the OSCE 25th Ministerial Council meeting on 6-7 December 2018 in Milan; and urge the continuation of such common efforts for upcoming OSCE meetings;
- h) commend the Secretariat for maintaining close cooperation with the World Customs Organization (WCO) through tangible initiatives such as organization of the Turkic Council Regional Workshop on Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) on 16-17 November 2018 in Nur-Sultan.

38. Express satisfaction with the increasing cooperation of the Turkic Council with regional and international organizations, including the UN and its agencies, WCO, OIC, OSCE and ECO, and 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;

39. Appreciate the initiative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to organize conference on humanitarian aid and development assistance within the Seventh Summit of the Turkic Council with a view of facilitating the integration of donor institutions of Member States into the global humanitarian system and strengthening cooperation among them on supporting the achievement of sustainable development goals; and recall the workshop hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and the United Nations on 28 March 2019 in Ankara on Engagement with the Multilateral Humanitarian System, to the same effect;

40. Call on the Member States to increase their efforts in fighting against all kinds and forms of terrorism, separatism, extremism, discrimination, xenophobia and Islamophobia; and in this context urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to coordinate their endeavors in international fora;

41. Express their hope and belief that Turkey’s operation Peace Spring will contribute to fighting terrorism, ensuring the territorial integrity of Syria, liberating local Syrians from the oppression of terrorists and creating conditions for the safe and voluntary return of displaced Syrians to their homeland,

Kazakhstan calls for the continuation of the dialogue in the framework of the “Astana Process” for the lasting political settlement in Syria;

42. Reiterate the strongest support for the earliest settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, on the basis of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
43. Emphasize the need to reach a negotiated and mutually agreed political settlement in Cyprus based on existing realities, political equality of the two peoples and their co-ownership of the Island; express their solidarity with the Turkish Cypriot people; in their aspirations for peaceful, secure and prosperous future;
44. Appreciate the successful organization of the Sixth Turkic Council Junior Diplomats Joint Training Program in Azerbaijan on 12-26 May 2019 with the participation of junior diplomats from Hungary, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan;
45. Welcome the outcomes of the Fifth Meeting of the Official Foreign Policy Research Centers of the Member States on 3 October 2019; and praise the special publication dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the Nakhchivan Agreement;

COOPERATION IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS:

46. Reiterate the importance of developing cultural, linguistic and social ties among the Turkic Speaking States and communities living across the world; welcome the decisions of the Third Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of Institutions in Charge of Diaspora Affairs of the Turkic Council convened on 8 November 2018 in Ankara; and urge the relevant institutions of the Member States to further their cooperation in the light of 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 2018-2019”;
47. Value the organization of the First Program for the Exchange of Experience among the Diaspora Institutions of the Member States and the Fifth Meeting of the Diaspora Contact Group on 7-9 February 2019 in Baku; and underscore the importance of the adoption of the best practices of the Member States in diaspora policy and implementation through regular programs for exchange of experience;
48. Praise the organization of the First and Second Capacity Building Training Programs for the Turkic Speaking Diasporas in Germany and USA held on 26 March 2019 in Berlin and 28 September 2019 in New York; express satisfaction with the concert activity staged by the TURKSOY orchestra in honor of the Nowruz feast at the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Berlin on 26 March 2019 with a large participation from the Turkic Speaking Diasporas and the corps diplomatique; welcome the cultural program organized in New York on 28 September 2019 for the celebration of the 650th anniversary of Imadeddin Nasimi’s birthday; and encourage the Turkic Council Secretariat and TURKSOY to continue such cooperation in the future;
49. Support the decision to organize the Turkic Council Second Diaspora Forum to be hosted by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of Turkey (YTB) in 2020; and urge coordination among the relevant institutions of the Member States and the Turkic Speaking diaspora organizations across the world to encourage broader participation;
50. Appreciating the successful organization of the 21st Painters’ Gathering of TURKSOY, the Poets’ Gathering of the Turkic World and Wonderful Opening Ceremony for Osh, Cultural Capital of the Turkic World 2019, welcome the cooperation and partnership of TIKa with TURKSOY on developing cultural, linguistic and social ties in the Turkic World;
51. Urge the Member States to prepare programs and news in their TV channels, showing the significance of creation of the Turkic Council, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of Nakhchivan Agreement;

52. Endorse the decisions of the Second Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Information and Media of the Turkic Council held on 7 May 2019 in Baku; and emphasize the importance of developing media and information cooperation to enhance political, cultural, economic and social awareness about events in Turkic Speaking States at the local and international levels;
53. Reiterate the importance of cooperation between national TV channels and news agencies; and welcome the creation of a Joint FTP Pool among National TV Channels for the exchange programs and video materials on agreed categories such as news, short movies, cultural, historical and sport programs including traditional sports;
54. Appreciate TRT Avaz for producing 13 documentary films on prominent figures of the Turkic history; and call on the national TV Channels of the Member States to work closely in producing similar programs and projects; and to cooperate with Secretariat and Turkic Academy on the project proposal by the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Elbasy, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev on “100 Prominent Personalities of the Turkic World” and “Sacred Places of the Turkic World” at the Sixth Summit of the Turkic Council;
55. Welcome the signing of “Cooperation Protocol among the Public Broadcasting Institutions of the Member States of the Turkic Council” on 7 May 2019 in Baku; and the first technical meeting held on 25-26 September 2019 in Ankara on determining the format and technical requirements for the exchange and production of joint programs, movies, serials etc.;
56. Recognizing its valuable contribution to the Turkic World, support the cooperation and partnership of TRT Avaz with the broadcasters of the Member States, encourage the projects carried out with the Member States, which strengthen common cultural awareness. Further support the projects agreed upon by the Member States which aim at promoting economic, political and cultural potentials of the Member States; and the decision to organize an International Forum dedicated to the Turkic World on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Nakhchivan Agreement by TRT Avaz;
57. Encourage the Member States to coordinate their efforts to protect the common elements of the Turkic epics and rich history, as well as the diverse gastronomy of the Turkic peoples by jointly submitting nominations for inscription to the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO; and call on the relevant institutions of the Member States to coordinate and cooperate among them as well as with TURKSOY, Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation and Turkic Academy in this process;
58. Support the dedication of the year 2019 to the commemoration of the 650th anniversary of the birthday of the Azerbaijani poet Imadeddin Nasimi and the 125th anniversary of the birthday of the famous minstrel Aşık Veysel, within the framework of TURKSOY “Commemorative Year Program”; and praise the series of activities held to commemorate such prominent personalities in the Turkic World;
59. Support the dedication of the year 2020 to the commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the birthday of the Kazakh poet Abai Kunanbaev and the 1150th anniversary of the birthday of scientist and philosopher Abu Nasr al-Farabi, within the framework of TURKSOY “Commemorative Year Program”; and praise the series of activities held to commemorate such prominent personalities in the Turkic World;
60. Commend the successful organization and contributions of the events held under the auspices of UNESCO – “International Maqom Art Festival” in 2018, International Music Festival “Sharq Taronalari” (Melodies of the Orient), “International Handcrafters Festival” in 2019, World Nomad Games in 2018 for strengthening of the cultural and humanitarian relations among Turkic peoples;

61. Commend the organization of events by the Turkic Academy in 2019 in honor of significant dates of the Turkic World, such as the 950th anniversary of Yusuf Balasaguni's "Kutadgu Bilig", 750th anniversary of the Golden Horde and Talas Kurultai, 650th anniversary of the famous poet Imadeddin Nasimi, 75th anniversary of Istvan Kongur Mandoki, 100th anniversary of the Turkish National Movement, and the 10th anniversary of the Nakhchivan Agreement; support the organization of events in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ahmad Bey Ağaoglu and 80th anniversary of the death of Ali Bey Huseynzade;
62. Support celebrations of the 125th anniversary of the Great Kyrgyz Manaschi Sayakbai Karalaev, the 100th anniversary of the state and public figure of the Kyrgyz Republic Turdakhun Usubaliev and the 80th anniversary of the state and public figure of the Kyrgyz Republic Batyrali Sydykov, the 1500th anniversary of the Orkhon-Yenisei written language;
63. Encourage the finalization of the work on the "Atlas of Sacred Places of the Turkic World" by the Turkic Academy and support its activities concerning the "Outstanding Personalities of the Turkic World";
64. Commend the efforts of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation to promote the celebration of Nowruz holiday in March 2019 in the cities of Bulgaria with large Turkic population such as Sofia and Kardzhali (Kircaali), with the participation of high-ranking officials;
65. Highlight the importance of enhancing the coordination among the Turkic Cooperation Organizations to promote comprehensive cooperation for safeguarding the common cultural values of the Turkic world; and call for the attention of the international community to the malign attempts of damaging or repurposing the historical and cultural artefacts of the Turkic world in a vast geography;
66. Instruct the Secretariat to coordinate the efforts with UNESCO National Commissions of the Member States and relevant Turkic Cooperation Organizations for the proclamation of the "International Turkic Language Day" by UNESCO;
67. Value the recommendations of the Council of Elders to the activities of the Turkic Cooperation Organizations; and encourage the continuation of Council of Elders meetings as a valuable consultative mechanism;
68. Praise the programs and projects in the field of youth and sports realized by the Secretariat since Fifth Summit in 2015; and urge the relevant institutions of the Member States to take necessary steps for the continuation of the successful organizations under the youth and sports agenda of the Turkic Council;
69. Express satisfaction with the decisions of the Third Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Youth and Sports of the Member States held on 5 December 2018 in Nur-Sultan and the momentum for the Fourth Meeting to be held in November 2019 in Osh respectively; and praise operationalization of the Turkic Council Youth Platform and the successful organization of First and Second Turkic Council Young Leaders Forums in Nakhchivan in 2018 and Turkistan in 2019; as well as the National Meadow Festival in July 2019 in Gadabay District of Azerbaijan and invite the Member States to organize similar events;
70. Praise the Kyrgyz Republic for successfully hosting the first three World Nomad Games (WNG), underline the importance of organizing the Fourth WNG to be staged in 2020 in Turkey; call on the relevant authorities of the Republic of Turkey and the Member States, as well as the

Secretariat of the Turkic Council, for effective coordination and cooperation on the organization of the Fourth WNG; and urge the Member States to actively participate in the Games;

71. Commend the strengthened cooperation and the MoUs signed with the World Ethnosport Confederation and Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) in 2019; and support emboldening the youth and sports agenda of the Turkic Council with such international partnerships;

72. Praise the Republic of Kazakhstan for the successful organization of the international wrestling tournament “Alem Barysy” on 2 December 2018 in Almaty, Second International Ethnosport Forum on the Revival of the Traditional Sports on 20-21 April 2019 in Almaty, as well as the “Koshpendiler Alemi” on 28-30 June 2019 in Nur-Sultan, the National Nomad Games held on 16-21 September 2019 in Talas, Kyrgyz Republic; and underline the importance of organizing such activities to contribute to the improvement of the image of the Turkic national games in international arena;

73. Congratulate the Member States for the successes achieved in International Sports Tournaments in 2019; call for continuation of the major international sports events in Turkic Speaking States; and in this context congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan for the successful organization of the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019; UEFA Europe League Final 2019; and the Republic of Turkey for the successful organization of the UEFA Super Cup 2019 in Istanbul;

74. Congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan for the successful organization of the 2019 World Wrestling Championship and 2019 FIDE World Team Championship in Nur-Sultan;

COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND SCIENCE:

75. Emphasize the essential role of educational cooperation in raising awareness on the common identity among the younger generation; and welcome the outcomes of the Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Education of the Turkic Council convened on 15 March 2019 in Bishkek;

76. Instruct the Turkic Academy and the relevant Ministries of the Member States of the Turkic Academy to accelerate the finalization of the “Common Turkic History from Ancient Times till 15th Century” textbook, as well as the preparation of the common geography and literature textbooks;

77. Take note of the endorsement of Educational Exchange Program for education professionals of the Member States at the Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Education of the Turkic Council and the initiative of Turkey to launch the first Educational Exchange Program in 2020;

78. Support the Third Student Exchange Program among secondary/high schools of the Member States that will be hosted by Kazakhstan in October 2019 providing the students with the opportunity to familiarize with each other’s traditions, culture and history, as well as to develop a strong bond of brotherhood and friendship; and welcome the signing of the Regulation of the Turkic Council Sister Schools Partnership Program;

79. Commend Khoja Ahmed Yassawi International Kazakh-Turkish University for successfully hosting the Fourth General Assembly of Turkic Council Turkic University Union (TURKUNIB) and the First Culture and Art Festival of the Turkic World of the TURKUNIB on 24 April 2019 in Turkistan;

80. Express satisfaction with the inclusion of new universities from Turkey and Hungary in TURKUNIB; and call on Member States to enhance cooperation with the universities from Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan under TURKUNIB;
81. Support the enlargement of the Orkhun Exchange Program with new programs and departments, as well as increasing number of students and academics involved in the process; and instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to lend the necessary assistance to the successful implementation of the Orkhun Exchange Program;
82. Appreciate the Hungarian Government for the “Stipendium Hungaricum” scholarship opportunities allocated to the university students of the Turkic Speaking States; and encourage the Member States to strengthen their partnership with Hungary in the field of education;
83. Call on the establishment of the exchange program in Turkic Council Secretariat, TURKPA, TURKSOY, Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation and Turkic Academy with a view to promoting Turkic Council and Turkic Cooperation Organizations among university students;
84. Appreciate the activities of the Turkish Maarif Foundation which was established to conduct educational activities abroad such as establishment of schools, educational and cultural centres in Turkic Speaking countries.

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN THE TURKIC WORLD:

85. Take note of the Concept Paper prepared by the Secretary General in consultation with the Member States and the Turkic Cooperation Organizations upon the CHS decision taken at the 6th Turkic Council Summit in Cholpon-Ata; and welcome the establishment of the Coordination Committee;
86. Praise the valuable role of TURKPA for furthering inter-parliamentary cooperation and coordination among the Member States; commend the activities of TURKSOY, Turkic Academy and Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation;
87. Are pleased with the declaration of Osh, Kyrgyz Republic as the “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World” in 2019 within the initiative started by TURKSOY, as well as the activities organized in this city; and support the proposal of H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to declare Khiva, Uzbekistan the “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World” for the year 2020;
88. Appreciate the Turkic Council and TURKPA on observing elections in the Member States; and call on them to develop election observation standards in line with the internationally accepted norms and criteria;
89. Welcome the outcomes of the Eighth Plenary Session of TURKPA, dedicated to its 10th anniversary held on 20-21 November 2018 in Izmir; welcome the Chairmanship of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey in TURKPA for the period of 2018-2019; and commend the participation of the delegation of Uzbekistan in the said Plenary Session;
90. Praise inter-parliamentary cooperation in addressing the issues highlighted in the 2030 Global Agenda of Sustainable Development; and appreciate undertakings of TURKPA, including the International Conference on the “Role of Turkic World Women in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals” organized jointly with Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 14-15 June 2019 in Baku; and commend the efforts on setting up a systematic

mechanism of dialogue in the field of gender equality and women empowerment under the auspices of TURKPA;

91. Express satisfaction with the official opening of the new premises of Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation in Baku allocated by the Republic of Azerbaijan;

92. Appreciate the successful organization of the roundtable discussion on the “The role of the Great Silk Road in the formation of dialogue between Turkic Speaking Countries” on 3 May 2019 in Baku and staging of “Iblis” performance by the great writer of the Turkic World, Huseyin Javid, at the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality theatre under the patronage of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation;

93. Appreciate the organization of Turkic World Week by the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the Nakhchivan Agreement on the establishment of the Turkic Council;

94. Commend the successful organization of the International Forum on “The Great Steppe: Cultural Heritage and Role in the World History” at the Headquarters of UNESCO on 24 May 2019 in Paris; and the 4th Humanities Forum on “The Great Steppe: Turkic Civilization from the Origins to the Present” in Nur-Sultan on 24 June 2019 by the Turkic Academy;

95. Note the importance of the First Meeting of the Terminological and Onomastic Commission of the Turkic World organized by the Turkic Academy on 25 June 2019 in Nur-Sultan with the participation of the heads of the relevant authorities of the Member States; and support the establishment of the Standing Committee on Language and Terminology as a permanent consultative body aiming at advising on scientific research in the field of language;

96. Instruct the Secretariat to coordinate the establishment of the Union of Ombudsman of the Member States in order to develop communication, cooperation, coordination, information and experience sharing among the Ombudsman or the relevant institutions of the Member States.

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97. Highly value the indispensable role of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Elbasy, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev in building the statehood and transforming Kazakhstan into a respected country in the international arena, as well as for his historic contribution to the establishment of Turkic Cooperation Organizations and the unity of the Turkic World, and congratulate him on holding the status of Honorary Chairman of the Turkic Council and receiving the Supreme Order of the Turkic World;

98. Adopt the Joint Statement on accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States;

99. Highly appreciate Hungary for its active involvement in the work of the Turkic Council as the Observer State and for its contribution to the agenda of the Turkic Council; and further encourage the intensification of cooperation with Hungary;

100. Commend the opening of the Representation Office of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States in Hungary on 19 September 2019; express gratitude to the Government of Hungary for hosting the Office; and call on the Member States to extend necessary support for its successful functioning;

101. Appreciate the participation of Turkmenistan at the Seventh Summit of the Turkic Council;

102. Congratulate the Kyrgyz Republic for the successful Chairmanship of the Turkic Council in 2018-2019; and highly value its great contribution to the activities of the Turkic Council;

103. Value the significant achievements in the activities of the Secretariat of the Turkic Council since the last Summit;

104. Decide to hold the Eight Summit of the Turkic Council in 2020 in the Republic of Turkey.

The Heads of States express profound thanks to H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for steering the deliberations of the Seventh Summit of the Turkic Council to a successful conclusion and appreciate the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Azerbaijan. They welcome the assumption of the Chairmanship of the Turkic Council by the Republic of Azerbaijan until the next Summit.

Signed on 15 October 2019 in Baku in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish and Uzbek languages.

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