

**DECLARATION OF THE SIXTH SUMMIT OF
THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES
Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan**

The Council of Heads of States of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (hereinafter referred to as the Turkic Council) met on 3 September 2018 in Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan on the theme of “Cooperation in Youth and National Sports” upon the kind invitation of H.E. Sooronbai Zheenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic. H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey participated in the meeting, which was presided over by H.E. Sooronbai Zheenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic. H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary, honoured the meeting upon the invitation of the Host.

The Heads of States of the Turkic Council,

Reiterating their adherence to the purposes and principles of Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment of the Turkic Council;

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

Underlining their resolve to further deepen and widen cooperation within the multilateral framework of the Turkic Council;

Welcoming 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;

Commending the remarkable political and socio-economic progress that the Turkic Speaking States achieved since their independence, and *expressing* their wish for further cooperation among themselves as well as in the region;

Declared that they:

Cooperation in Youth and Sports:

1. Express satisfaction with the enhanced cooperation among the Turkic Speaking States in the field of youth and sport; and encourage intensification of such efforts to bring closer the communities of the Member States;
2. Highly appreciate and emphasize the role of Kyrgyzstan as the founder of the World Nomad Games and commend the initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic in presenting and promoting our ancient culture and traditions to the whole world through World Nomad Games, recognized by UN General Assembly resolution 71/249 of December 22, 2016 as an important tool for

intercultural dialogue and making a valuable contribution to strengthening social cohesion, peace and development;

3. Highly commend the successful organization of the World Nomad Games, which were held in Issyk Kul in 2014, 2016 and 2018 with the aim to present and promote our ancient culture and traditions to the whole world, with the participation of representatives from different countries; and welcome the decision of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Turkey to hold the Fourth World Nomad Games in the Republic of Turkey in 2020;

4. Welcome the decisions of the meetings of the First and Second meetings of Ministers in charge of Youth and Sports in 2016 and 2017 in Istanbul and Baku; encourage them to take necessary actions for the continuation of the successful organizations of the International Youth Camps and Festivals, Sports Tournaments, as well as for the operationalization of the Turkic Council Youth Platform and Young Leaders Forum that will strengthen the relationship among the youth organizations of the Member States; and praise the successful organization of First Turkic University Sports Games (Turkic Universiade) by the Republic of Azerbaijan and recommend its continuation on rotational basis;

5. Appreciate Turkic Council's founding member status in Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA) and the Secretary General's appointment as the Vice Chair of the SIGA Council; and underline the significance of such efforts to uphold the universal values of sport in the Member States;

6. Highly appreciate the cooperation and partnership of the Turkic Council with credible international organizations in the field of youth and sports; commend the joint international conference of the Turkic Council and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) on the role of youth in preventing and countering extremism: holistic approaches from formation to radicalization" in 2016 in Istanbul with wide participation from across the world, and encourage the implementation of the outcomes of the conference through relevant projects;

7. Underscore the importance of promoting Islamic solidarity to confront the challenges facing the Islamic world and stress intention for more active and effective cooperation to strengthen fraternity, understanding and tolerance; in this regard, note the significance of the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games for promotion of Islamic culture and moral values around the world held in Baku on 12-22 May 2017;

8. Congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan on the successful organization of the 28th Winter Universiade held in 2017 in Almaty, and underline the importance of promotion of winter sport among young generation of the Turkic world; and welcome its initiative in holding an international wrestling tournament of "Álem barysy" as the event contributing to the improvement of the image of the Turkic national games at the international arena;

9. Congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting the First World Ethno Sport Games in 2021; wish successful organization of the games; and encourage the Member States to participate in this important sport event;

10. Congratulate the Member States for the successes achieved in International Sports Tournaments including the Rio 2016, Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and Asian Games 2018; and encourage to organize major international sporting events in Turkic Speaking States;

Cooperation in Economy:

11. Remain committed to the purpose of creating favourable conditions among the Member States by taking necessary measures to increase trade and investment, as well as encouraging enhancement of cooperation and exchanges among the private sectors; welcome the decisions taken at Fifth (2015 Astana), Sixth (2016 Baku) and Seventh (2017 Istanbul) Meetings of the Ministers in Charge of Economy; and instruct the Secretariat to conclude the preparation of the Research Paper on investment climate and international trade complementarities of the Turkic Council Member States;
12. Commend the Fourth Meeting of the Turkic Business Council and the Business Forum held on 28 April 2016, in Bishkek, as well as Fifth Meeting of the Turkic Business Council held on 3 April 2017 in Astana; encourage the active participation of the private sector representatives from the Member States and the wider region to the Fifth Business Forum of the Turkic Council and Second Technical visit for investors to be held in the Republic of Turkey in 2018; and support the Secretariat and the economic institutions of the Member States in their efforts for the operationalization of the Turkic Council web portal (www.turkicbusiness.com);
13. Welcome the organization of Investment Statistics and Investment Climate Training Program combined with the Information and Experience Sharing Program in the field of Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises by Turkey in 2018 and support the further continuation of such experience sharing;
14. Express appreciation to the Member States for participation at the opening ceremony of Astana International Financial Centre on 5 July 2018 in Astana and welcome the Member States for active involvement to the work of the Centre;
15. Encourage the use of G-Global “the International info-communication platform” to consolidate the efforts for effective search of solutions to global economic problems;
16. Encourage the creation of favourable market conditions for external trade operations with the use of national currencies in trade among the Turkic States aiming to avoid risks of currency fluctuations;
17. Welcome the decisions taken at the First and Second meetings of the Ministers in charge of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) held in 2016 in Baku and 2017 in Istanbul, stressing the importance of cooperation in the field of ICT; and urge the Member States to continue their efforts to enhance their cooperation and coordination in the field of e-Government, Trans-Eurasian Information Super Highway (TASIM) and fiber-infrastructure, cyber security and satellite services;
18. Underline the significance of establishing cooperation in the field of alternative energy; and task the State Authorities in charge of Alternative Energy to hold meetings in order to generate joint projects for the benefit of the Member States noting the huge potential of the Member States in this field;
19. Congratulate Kazakhstan for successful organisation of International Exhibition EXPO-2017 with the theme “Future Energy”; commend its efforts to contribute to development of alternative energy and energy security; and welcome the establishment of the International Center for Green Technologies and Investments on the basis of EXPO in Astana;

20. Congratulate and support the start of Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant construction in the Republic of Turkey as the first commercial nuclear power plant in a Turkic country;
21. Reaffirm the importance of exploring natural and geographic advantages of the Member States located on the Silk Road for joint economic benefit; and welcome the decisions of the Third Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism Affairs held in 2016 in Issyk Kul with the participation of Secretary General of the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and the Fourth Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism Affairs in 2018 in Astana;
22. Praise the launch of the Turkic Council Modern Silk Road Joint Tour Package as a unique tourism project to reveal the joint cultural and historical heritage of the Member States along the Silk Road; and commend the preparation of the website (www.modernsilkroadtour.com) by the Secretariat as well as the efforts to promote the Joint Tour Package through the realization of the familiarization trips, joint photo exhibitions, and presentations at international events, including the Modern Silk Road Festival, which will be held in Kazakhstan in 2019; express satisfaction with and encourage the continuation of support provided by the Member States at the national and international tourism exhibitions for the presentation of the Joint Tour Package;
23. 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 approve the allocation of necessary financial support by each Member States to ensure sustainability of the promotion of the Joint Tour Package;
24. Welcome the preparation of a documentary along the destination of the Modern Silk Road Joint Tour Package and the promotional video by TRT Avaz, as well as Turkish Airlines' coverage of the Joint Tour Package in its Skylife magazine; and encourage the continuation of such promotional activities by all relevant authorities of the Member States;
25. Appreciate the tourism training programs conducted by Turkey for other Member States that were noted in UN Reports as a successful development project that contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals; and encourage the continuation of vocational trainings in tourism sector on a regular basis;
26. Highlight the importance of enhancing cooperation among the Member States in the field of transport; welcome the decisions of the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Transport and the international "Workshop on Trans-Caspian Multimodal Route" held in 2016 in Istanbul, and underline the significance of improving multimodal transport infrastructure among the Member States;
27. Commend all efforts led by the relevant institutions of the Member States to facilitate bilateral and transit transport, as well as customs operations across the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Transport Corridor; encourage the relevant institutions of the Member States to take necessary steps to coordinate their efforts to render the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor an efficient, sustainable and seamless route between East and West and encourage deeper cooperation among the Turkic Council Sister Seaports with the inclusion of Kuryk Port of Kazakhstan;
28. Highly appreciate the results of the 5th Caspian Summit held on 12 August in Aktau and congratulate Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan on the signing of the Convention on the legal status of

the Caspian Sea, which opens new prospects for the development of transit and transport potential between the Turkic speaking countries;

29. Congratulate the Member States for the finalization of mega-projects such as Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran Railway and Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway, Marmaray undersea railway and Eurasia tunnels, Western Europe-Western China Road Corridor, Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge, rehabilitation of Bishkek-Naryn-Torugart Road, “Khorgos-Eastern Gate” dry port, the first phase of the Baku International Sea Trade Port in Alat, International Kuryk Seaport, extension of International Aktau Seaport as key components of the Eurasian transport map, and welcome the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway project in the framework of contributing to the East-West Middle Corridor;

30. Stress on further intensification of customs cooperation among the Member States to revitalize historic Silk Road; support the involvement of the Turkic Council Secretariat in the Caravanserai Project; and welcome the interaction between the Turkic Council and the People’s Republic of China on the Caravanserai Project for the promotion of East-West trade routes;

31. Welcome the outcomes of the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the Turkic Council convened in 2017 in Antalya highlighting the importance of close collaboration with private sector of the Member States; and encourage the use of customs mechanisms such as Authorized Economic Operator for trade facilitation;

32. Encourage the use of mechanisms for the simplification of export and import procedures and introduction of advanced information exchange system, as well as modern and IT based transit procedures among customs authorities of the Member States, underscore the significance of the modernization of border gates; and call on the Member States to conclude the “Multilateral Agreement on Preliminary Information Exchange” for the facilitation of border crossings in a more effective and faster manner;

Cooperation in Foreign Policy/Security Issues and Relations with International Organizations

33. Emphasize the need to continue close coordination and cooperation regarding international issues of common interest through regular consultations at the level of Foreign Ministers; and underline the importance of supporting candidacies of the Member States at international organizations;

34. Commend Kazakhstan’s non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council for 2017-2018; and express satisfaction with the effective role of Kazakhstan with its rich experience in nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peace diplomacy in successfully representing the region in the UN Security Council;

35. Support the nomination of the candidacy of the Kyrgyz Republic for non-permanent membership at the UN Security Council for the period 2027-2028 and the nomination of the candidacy of Baku for hosting World EXPO-2025 in the Republic of Azerbaijan;

36. Welcome the outcomes of the third round of Security Consultations among the Member States hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey in 2016 and call on the continuation of this consultative mechanism on a regular basis;

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

- a) appreciate the positive outcomes 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, adopted at the Fifth Informal Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in New York in 2014; and instruct the continuation of the cooperation among the Member States to this end;
- b) welcome the implementation of the “MoU between the Turkic Council and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)” signed in 2016 through the joint activities contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals in the region; appreciate the outcomes of the international conference co-organized on “the Role of Information Communication Technologies for Development” in 2015 and joint activities carried out with UNAOC and United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in the course of 2016-2018; and call for the continuation of the cooperation through joint projects;
- c) express satisfaction with the implementation of the “MoU for Cooperation between the Turkic Council and the UNOSSC” in 2016; commend the preparation of the joint report “How a Regional Organization uses South-South cooperation to Promote Regional and Global Development”; praise the Secretariat’s active role as an implementing partner for the realization of the Global South-South Development EXPO hosted by the Government of Turkey in 2017 in Antalya; and instruct the Secretariat to carry out projects contributing to the enhancement of South-South and triangular cooperation in the region;
- d) welcome the signature of the “MoU between the Turkic Council and the UNAOC” in 2016, and encourage the continuation of joint initiatives between the two organizations;
- e) express satisfaction with the enhanced cooperation between the Turkic Council and the UNWTO, as well as signing of “Code of Ethics of the UNWTO” by the Tour Operators involved in the Modern Silk Road Joint Tour Package Project; and encourage the continuation of their joint work to promote the Silk Road tourism;
- f) appreciate the signing of MoUs by Turkic Council with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) signed in Astana in 2017 in the framework of the First OIC Summit on Science and Technology, and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in 2016; and call Member States for united action to obtain the observer status of the Turkic Council in the OIC;
- g) welcome the decision taken at the 23rd Meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) held in 2018 in Dushanbe regarding the extension of the observer status of the Turkic Council in the ECO for another three-year period;
- h) 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); welcome the invitation of the Secretary General of the Turkic Council to the OSCE 22nd, 23rd and 24th Ministerial Council meetings, 3-4 December 2015 in

Belgrade, 8-9 December 2016 in Hamburg, 7-8 December 2017 in Vienna ; encourage the continuation of such common efforts for upcoming OSCE meetings; and appreciate steps taken by the Secretariat to establish institutional relations with the Secretariat of the OSCE;

- i) commend the Secretariat for maintaining close cooperation with the World Customs Organisation (WCO) through tangible initiatives such as organisation of the Turkic Council Regional Workshop on Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) in 2018 in Astana;

38. Congratulate the Member States for their increasing role in developmental and humanitarian assistance provided to the third countries across the world, as well as their contribution to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and praise the projects and activities of the Secretariat giving impetus to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals;

39. Appreciate the decision of the Kyrgyz Republic to hold the next autumn session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA) in Bishkek in 2018 and note that holding this event in the Kyrgyz Republic will contribute to the development of the inter-parliamentary relations in the region;

40. Condemn all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on ethnicity, race, religion and belief, underlining the importance of nurturing tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, civilizations and peoples and emphasize the significance of the 7th Global Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations of the United Nations held in Baku, on 25-27 April 2016;

41. Emphasize the essential efforts of the Member States in promoting multiculturalism and intercultural dialogue that contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights, the strengthening of international cooperation and the fight against discrimination and xenophobia;

42. Reiterate the importance of 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 Third, Fourth and Fifth Turkic Council Junior Diplomats Joint Training Programs held in 2016 in Kazakhstan, 2017 in Kyrgyzstan, and 2018 in Turkey with the participation of junior diplomats from Uzbekistan and Hungary;

45. Welcome the outcomes of the Second, Third and Fourth Meetings of the Official Foreign Policy Research Centres of the Member States in 2015, 2016 and 2017; and praise the special academic publication dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the independence of the Turkic Speaking States;

46. Highly appreciate the contribution of the Kyrgyz Republic to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2016-2018, express support to Kyrgyzstan in its

future activities in this field; and wish Kyrgyzstan a successful completion of its membership in this body;

47. Appreciate the efforts of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation and TURKSOY for the support to the Government of Turkey in its bid to become a member of the Executive Board at UNESCO for the period of 2017-2021; and encourage those organizations to support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in its bid to become a member of the Executive Board at UNESCO for the period of 2019-2023;

Cooperation in Social, Media and Cultural Affairs:

48. Reaffirm the importance of developing cultural, linguistic and social ties within Turkic Speaking States and communities living in different parts of the world; welcome “Turkic Speaking Diaspora Joint Action Plan of the Turkic Council for 2018-2019” adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Contact Group on Diaspora Affairs held in 2018 in Istanbul; and support further strengthening of cooperation among Turkic speaking diasporas;

49. Welcome the organization of the Turkic Council Second Diaspora Forum to be hosted by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of the Republic of Turkey in 2019; and encourage coordination among the Turkic speaking diaspora organizations across the world;

50. 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, and welcome the Action Plan prepared by Member States for a vision of future work;

51. Agree to continue cooperation between national TV channels and national news agencies, welcome the establishment of a Contact Group of representatives of national television channels of the Turkic Council and instructed to continue the production of joint educational, historical, sports and other television programs and projects;

52. Appreciate the efforts of TRT Avaz to continue broadcasting with the aim of promotion and better demonstration of the shared values; and encourage Member States to include TRT Avaz and other national channels of the Member States within their cable, satellite and IP systems;

53. Welcome the efforts of the Member States to protect the common elements of the Turkic epics and rich history, as well as the diverse gastronomy of the Turkic nations by submitting nominations for inscription to the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO (inscription: Kok boru – traditional equestrian game in Kyrgyzstan; Dolma making and sharing tradition, a symbol of cultural identity in Azerbaijan; Kazakh traditional sport – Kazaksha Kures (Kazakh wrestling) in Kazakhstan; traditional craftsmanship of “çini-making” – handmade glazed tiles and ceramics made in Turkey);

54. Commemorate 95th anniversary of Heydar Aliyev, the national leader of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the prominent statesman of the Turkic world; and praise the activities organized in the Member States on his life and legacy;

55. Appreciate the declaration of 2018 by TURKSOY as the year of the Kyrgyz writer Chyngyz Aitmatov in honour of the 90th anniversary of the birth of the prominent Kyrgyz writer and commend the activities organized in the Member States to raise awareness about his life and literary identity as the common heritage of the Turkic-speaking people;

56. Commend the declaration of 2018 by Turkic Academy as the year of Magzhan Zhumabayev in honour of the 125th anniversary of the birth of the distinguished Kazakh writer; congratulate 100th anniversary of Gara Garayev, the prominent Azerbaijani composer; and praise the activities organized in Member States to raise awareness about their lives and literary identity as the common treasure of the Turkic-speaking people;
57. Emphasize the importance of realization of projects such as “Sacred places of the Turkic world” and “100 prominent personalities of the Turkic World” aimed at strengthening and developing cultural and historical relations among the Turkic Speaking States;
58. Welcome the idea on the proclamation of the “International Turkic Language Day” by UNESCO; call upon the Member States to intensify consultations on the subject; and appreciate the organization of International Forum on “Revival of Identity and Cultural Heritage: Turkic language from past to future” by the Turkic Academy at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris on 30 April 2018;
59. Welcome the recommendations taken at the 10th and 11th meetings of the Council of Elders held in 2015 in Istanbul and 2016 in Astana; and encourage the continuation of Council of Elders meetings as a valuable consultative mechanism;
60. Commend the activities of the Turkic Academy, which has successfully completed the “Atalar mirasi” project collecting rich heritage on the writing, folklore and other material and spiritual cultural elements of Turkic peoples;
61. Express satisfaction with the participation of the Secretariat of the Turkic Council at the Fifth and Sixth Kurultay-Meeting of the Hun and Turkic Rooted Nations organised by the Magyar-Turan Foundation in 2016 and 2018 in Bugac, Hungary;

Cooperation in Education and Science:

62. Emphasize the essential role of educational cooperation in raising awareness on the common identity among the younger generation; call on the finalization of the Common Turkic History Textbook covering the period until the 15th century prepared by the Turkic Academy; praise the decision of the Republic of Turkey to include the Common Turkic History course in the school curricula; as well as the Republic of Kazakhstan for its decision to use the Textbook as a supplementary book; underline the importance of taking necessary steps by the Member States to include the textbook in their respective school curricula; and encourage the Turkic Academy to intensify the preparation for the common geography and literature textbooks;
63. Welcome the decision of the Republic of Kazakhstan to use the Latin alphabet contributing to the development of inter-communication among the Turkic languages and their empowerment in the global communicative and educational space;
64. Welcome the First and Second Student Exchange Program among secondary/high schools of the Member States hosted by the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2016 and 2018 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;
65. Encourage the initiatives regarding the launch of exchange programs for teachers and experts and the establishment of sister school relations among the secondary/high schools of the Member States;

66. Commend the Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University for its successful chairmanship of the Turkic University Union, express satisfaction with the organization of the Third General Assembly of the Turkic University Union in 2018 in Bishkek and congratulate Khoja Akhmet Yassawi International Kazakh-Turkish University on its election as the new Chair University;

67. Express satisfaction with the implementation of the first phase of the Orkhun Exchange Programme for Students and Lecturers; and call the relevant authorities of the Member States to take requisite steps for the enlargement of the Programme in accordance with national legislations of the Member States and international agreements;

68. Take note of 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:

69. Welcome the activities of TURKSOY, TurkPA, the Turkic Academy and Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation; and commend the Coordination Meetings among them and the Turkic Council to ensure efficient coordination in order to strengthen cooperation in the Turkic world;

70. Underline the importance of further development of Turkic integration carried out by the institutions and bodies of Turkic cooperation on the basis of a new architecture taking into account integration levels with the aim of increasing efficiency of the Turkic Council's activities;

71. Congratulate 25th anniversary of TURKSOY as the first international organisation established among the Turkic Speaking States; welcome the organization of the meeting of the UNESCO National Commissions and Committees of TURKSOY Member States since 2010; and recommend the revitalization of the meeting;

72. Call upon the revival of official active participation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as one of the founding members of TURKSOY and a country representing significant cultural values with a rich spiritual heritage, in the activities of TURKSOY;

73. Praise, within the framework of "Cultural Capital of the Turkic World" initiative started by TURKSOY, the declaration of Mary, Turkmenistan, in 2015; in Sheki, Azerbaijan, in 2016; in Turkistan, Kazakhstan, in 2017; and in Kastamonu, Turkey, in 2018 as the Cultural Capitals of the Turkic World, as well as the activities organized in those cities;

74. Welcome the chairmanship of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic in the TurkPA for the period of 2017-2018; support the activities of the Jogorku Kenesh to further strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation among the Turkic-speaking countries; commend the outcomes of the Seventh Plenary Session of TurkPA held in December 2017 in Bishkek, and congratulate it on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; welcome the participation of delegation of Uzbekistan in the said Plenary Meeting of TurkPA; and call upon the fraternal Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan to fully participate in the activities of the Turkic cooperation bodies;

75. Appreciate the activities of the Turkic Council and TurkPA on observation of elections in the Member States, as well as their efforts to develop common principles and standards for joint election observation in the Member States;

76. Praise the signature of Memorandum of Cooperation between the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan and the Turkic Academy; encourage to further develop cooperation with the relevant authorities of the Republic of Uzbekistan; welcome Hungary's obtention of an observer

status at the Turkic Academy; and congratulate the Turkic Academy for becoming an observer member to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO);

77. Appreciate the successful organization of the International symposium “Synergy along the Silk Road for Agenda 2030” by the Turkic Academy held at the Headquarters of the United Nations in 2016 in New York; and welcome the “Great Steppe” annual Humanitarian Forum and “Turkbarometer” project organized by the Turkic Academy, as well as its strengthening cooperation with relevant authorities of Mongolia relating to international expeditions conducted in the Otuken region of Mongolia in 2016-2018;

78. Express gratitude to the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation for its efforts to protect and preserve cultural heritage sites of the Turkic world and to create a directory of endangered cultural objects of national and international importance for Turkic speaking nations in consultation with the relevant State authorities, including effective research work carried out by the Foundation on enlisting the damaged and lost historical and cultural monuments;

79. Welcome the organisation of the roundtable on the topic of “Turkic Heritage at the Crossroads of Cultures and Civilizations” on 6 May 2017 by the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation within the framework of the Fourth World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue held in Baku and the conference and the exhibition entitled “Latin America and the Turkic world at the Crossroads of Cultures” organized in Latin America in October 2017;

80. Appreciate the establishment of “Dede Gorgud” chamber orchestra under the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation, composed of well-known musicians from the Member States of the Foundation, with an aim to promote rich Turkic culture on the international stage;

81. Praise the continuous financial support of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Republic of Turkey Promotion Fund, and Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) to various projects of the Turkic Council; and call on the relevant authorities of the other Member States to assist the Turkic Council projects in a similar manner;

Other issues:

82. Highly appreciate the valuable participation of H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan, H.E. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary at the Sixth Summit of the Turkic Council;

83. Welcome the progress of the activities of the Turkic Council since the last Summit as presented by Secretary General Ramil Hasan in his reports; thank him for his contributions to the work of the Secretariat in 2014-2018; and express their wishes of success for the next Secretary General Baghdad Amreyev;

84. Express appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for allocating separate Secretariat buildings to TurkPA and Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation in Baku;

85. Adopt the Concept of Integration of Turkic Speaking States; and instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States for its implementation to be coordinated by the Turkic Council Secretariat;

86. Adopt the Joint Statements on “the 90th anniversary of Chyngyz Aitmatov” and “the development of cooperation in the field of national sports and youth”;

87. Welcome the participation of delegates of Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan and Hungary in several meetings of the Turkic Council and official Turkic cooperation organizations held since the last Summit; and express their wish for increased involvement of those countries in the activities of the Turkic Council;
88. Congratulate Hungary for its obtention of an observer status at the Turkic Council;
89. Welcome the decision of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the establishment of the Turkestan region with the administrative center in the Turkistan city, one of the most popular historical and spiritual centers of the Turkic world;
90. Having received the report of the Republic of Kazakhstan as the outgoing Chairman-in-Office of the Turkic Council in 2015-2018, congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan for the successful Chairmanship;
91. Congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of 100th anniversary of establishment of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first democratic and secular state in the Turkic world;
92. Decide to hold the Seventh Summit of the Turkic Council in 2019 in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Heads of States express profound thanks to H.E. Sooronbai Zheenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, for steering the deliberations of the Sixth Summit of the Turkic Council to a successful conclusion and appreciate the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Kyrgyzstan. Finally, they welcome the assumption of the Chairmanship of the Turkic Council by the Kyrgyz Republic until the next regular Summit.

Signed on 3 September 2018 in Cholpon-Ata in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz and Turkish languages.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ilham Aliyev

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