

**DECLARATION OF THE FOURTH SUMMIT OF
THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES
Bodrum, Turkey**

The Council of Heads of State of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (hereinafter referred to as the Turkic Council) met on 5 June 2014 in Bodrum, Turkey on the theme of “Cooperation in Tourism” upon the kind invitation of H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey. H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Almazbek Atambaev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, participated in the meeting, which was presided over by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey.

The Heads of State,

Reaffirming their adherence to the purposes and principles of Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment 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;

Reconfirming their adherence to the goals of the Summits of the Turkic Council; and expressing satisfaction with the progress achieved in realizing them;

Aiming at strengthening political and economic security of the Member States in accordance with the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders, non-interference in internal affairs;

Underlining their resolve to further deepen their relations under the multilateral framework of the Turkic Council;

have declared to:

Cooperation in the Field of Economy:

1. Welcome the report of the First Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism Affairs of the Turkic Council held in İstanbul, Turkey, on 11 April 2014;
2. Stress that increasing cooperation in tourism sector will not only serve to stimulate awareness of the region among the Member States but also by third parties;
3. Underline the significance of exploiting comparative advantages of the Member States in tourism sector and the need for further strengthening cooperation in tourism affairs;
4. Highlight the importance of natural and geographic advantages of the Member States to their economic benefit, while utilizing their historical and cultural heritage;

5. Welcome the signing of the “Joint Cooperation Protocol on Tourism” by the Ministers in charge of Tourism Affairs of the Member States and the decision on the establishment of a Joint Tourism Business Association under the aegis of the Turkic Council in order to initiate multilateral cooperation in tourism among private sectors of the Member States and emphasize the importance of the continuation and development of the work and cooperation among the Member States by holding result oriented regular meetings;
6. Express satisfaction with the decision to develop a joint tour program named “Turkic Council-Modern Silk Road”, supported by a tourist guidebook, commend the establishment of a Task Force under the coordination of Kazakhstan to conduct field visits to the Member States throughout 2015 in order to determine destinations of this joint tour program and urge public and private institutions of the Member States to take necessary measures for its operationalization and promotion;
7. Welcome the implementation of tourism training programs by Turkey for other Member States, task relevant authorities of the Member States to support these vocational training programs;
8. Endorse the decision to organize regular info tours with the participation of mass media and tourism industry representatives of the Member States, appreciate the realization of the first info tour to this end by Azerbaijan;
9. Support the active participation of private sector in the relevant Working Groups of Turkic Council;
10. Commend the second meetings of the Turkic Business Council and the Business Forum held on 19 February 2014, in İstanbul, and call for regular meetings of the Turkic Business Council;
11. Underline their support for Kazakhstan’s efforts to organize the international specialized exhibition in Astana EXPO-2017 on the theme “Future energy” and reaffirm their participation;
12. Stress the importance of further strengthening cooperation among the Member States in the field of transport and the increasing efficiency of infrastructural networks aimed at facilitating trade flows;
13. Welcome the decisions of the Second Meeting of the Ministers of Transport held on 22 May 2014, in Astana;
14. Stress the importance of development of railway connections as an efficient and secure means of transport between Asia and Europe and underline their significant role in increasing trade volumes among the Member States;
15. Commend the establishment of the “Coordination Council in the field of Transport” to address the practical issues encountered by the transport operators on the spot;
16. Appreciate the initiative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to hold international conference “Railway Route Baku-Tbilisi-Kars/ New Possibilities of the Development of the Silk Way Corridor” to be held in October 2014, in Baku;

17. Underline the importance of the meetings of the Heads of Customs Administrations to intensify efforts for facilitation of passenger and freight transportation by encouraging the use of mechanisms for the simplification of import-export procedures and increase transit potential;

Cooperation on Foreign Policy and Security Issues:

18. Emphasize the need to work in close coordination and cooperation regarding the international issues of common interest through regular consultations at the level of Foreign Ministers under the aegis of Chairman-in-Office;
19. Call for support for the candidacies of Member States at international organizations, particularly in the UN;
20. Urge the continuation of Security Consultations among the Member States at appropriate levels;
21. Encourage further interaction between the Turkic Council and regional and international organizations and;
 - a) emphasize the importance of acting in coordination and collaboration for obtaining observer status in the UN General Assembly;
 - b) support the official application of the Secretariat to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for observer status;
 - c) express their readiness to invite the Secretariat to the relevant regional and international meetings, organized in their respective countries;
 - d) appreciate the common stance adopted by the Permanent Representatives of the Members States to the OSCE regarding the invitation of the Secretary General to the OSCE 20th Ministerial Council, and call for continuation of further solidarity for the upcoming meetings of the OSCE and other relevant international organizations.
22. Emphasize the significance of the inter-Parliamentary dimension in strengthening political dialogue among the Member States;
23. Reiterate the importance of the settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, on the basis of sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
24. Welcome the resumption of comprehensive negotiation process in Cyprus on 11 February 2014 and confirm their strong support for a negotiated and mutually agreed just and lasting political settlement in Cyprus under the auspices of the United Nations based on political equality of the two peoples in the Island, and express their solidarity with the Turkish Cypriot people, an equal and constituent partner in Cyprus, in their aspirations for a peaceful, secure and prosperous future;
25. Call on all parties to contribute to the de-escalation and peaceful resolution of the situation in Ukraine by promoting dialogue and consensus. The Turkish side has informed the Council about its recent efforts and contacts concerning the situation of Crimean Tatar Turks who are historically known as integral part of the Turkic world.

26. Appreciate the organization of the Turkic Council Junior Diplomats 1st Joint Training Program on 13-25 April 2014 in Turkey, and welcome the offer of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 2nd Joint Training Program;

Cooperation in Social and Humanitarian Affairs:

27. Reiterate their support to the “First Nomadic Games” / “National Games of Turkic People” to be jointly organized by the Turkic Council Secretariat and the Kyrgyz Government in Issyk-Kul on 8-14 September 2014; and underline the importance of revitalizing historical and cultural features of the Member States through such activities;
28. Commend the establishment of the Union of Authors of Turkic Speaking State by TURKSOY on 18 February 2014 in Eskişehir;
29. Welcome the organization of the Forum of Turkic Scripture Day by the Turkic Academy on 19-20 May 2014, in Astana on the margins of celebration of May 18 as the Turkic Scripture Day;
30. Agree to make joint efforts to protect common elements of Turkic epics and rich history, as well as Turkic people’s diverse gastronomy through submitting joint multinational nominations to the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO;
31. Praise the activities in Eskişehir, Turkey, throughout 2013 in its capacity as the Cultural Capital of the Turkic World for 2013;
32. Welcome the initiative of Turkey to host the First Turkic Universiade and urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to provide the utmost cooperation for the organization of the First Turkic Universiade in 2015;
33. Express the importance of continuing with the necessary steps to carry forward the agenda of enhanced cooperation in education, including common textbooks on Turkic history and literature; and encourage teaching of each other’s languages in educational establishments as elective courses;
34. Appreciate the endorsement of the “Directive for the Establishment of the Turkic University Union and its Higher Education Area” during the Second Meeting of the Ministers of Education and urge the continuation of technical meetings aimed at full-operationalization of the Union, and instructed relevant Ministries and state institutions to implement necessary measures to this end;
35. Support the organization of the First General Assembly of the Turkic University Union to be hosted by Atatürk University, Chair University-in-Office, in October 2014;
36. Instruct continuation of the work towards establishing a “Joint Education Television”;
37. Encourage the establishment of “Regional Diaspora Centers” and support the strengthening of cooperation in diaspora affairs through activation of these Centers to implement joint action plans;

38. Emphasize the importance they attach to developing cultural, linguistic, social and humanitarian contacts and ties with other Turkic speaking countries and communities living in different parts of the world.

Other Issues

39. Underline the importance of the Turkic Council, as an umbrella organization to coordinate and to avoid duplication in the activities of institutions in different fields engaged in promoting and furthering links and cooperation among the countries of the Turkic world;
40. Welcome the general progress as presented by the Secretary General in his annual report;
41. Congratulate Azerbaijan for a successful Chairmanship as having received the report of Azerbaijan as the outgoing Chairman of the Turkic Council;
42. Thank first Secretary General Ambassador Mr. Halil Akıncı for his tireless efforts to the institutionalization and development of the Turkic Council and express their wishes of success for the next Secretary General Mr. Ramil Hasanov;
43. Commend the outgoing Deputy Secretary Generals Mr. Gismat Gozalov and Mr. Darkhan Kydyrali for their contributions;
44. Decide to hold the Fifth Summit of the Turkic Council on 2015 in Kazakhstan.

The Heads of States have expressed profound thanks to H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey, for steering the deliberations of the Fourth Summit of the Turkic Council to a successful conclusion and appreciated the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Turkey. Finally, they welcomed the assumption of the Chairmanship-in-Office of the Turkic Council by the Republic of Turkey for the term 2014-2015.

Signed on 5 June 2014 in Bodrum in the Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz and Turkish languages.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ilham Aliyev

President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Nursultan Nazarbayev

President of the Kyrgyz Republic

Almazbek Atambaev

President of the Republic of Turkey

Abdullah Gül