

## **SAMARKAND DECLARATION OF THE NINTH SUMMIT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES**

The Council of Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States met on 11 November 2022 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on the theme of “New Era for Turkic Civilization: Towards Common Development and Prosperity”. The meeting was presided over by H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and attended by H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Sadyr Zhaparov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan, H.E. Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, and H.E. Baghdad Amreyev, Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States.

*The Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States,*

*Underscoring* their commitment to deepen and widen cooperation and solidarity in line with the purposes and principles of Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States;

*Reiterating* their resolve to further deepen and widen cooperation within the multilateral framework of the Organization of Turkic States based on common history, language, culture, traditions, and values of the Turkic peoples;

*Appreciating* the remarkable political and socio-economic progress that the Turkic States achieved since their independence;

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

*Highlighting* the utmost importance of continuing joint efforts by all Member and Observer States aimed at enhancing economic cooperation through promoting trade, transport, investment, and regional connectivity related initiatives;

*Expressing* satisfaction with the achievements made by the Organization of Turkic States since its establishment;

*Emphasizing* their commitment to enhance the organization’s role in ensuring cooperative and coordinated action in the Turkic World and further promoting the values and interests of the Turkic World in the regional and international arena;

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

*Praising* the life and works of the great personalities of the Turkic World who created the heritage of Turkic-Islamic civilization and had a huge impact on world civilization, development of science, literature, and art;

*Acknowledging* the historical, political, and socio-cultural significance of the ancient city of Samarkand in the unification of the Turkic peoples and the development of the Turkic culture, science, and statehood, as well as taking into account its location at the crossroads of the Great Silk Road; and noting that the holding of the Summit in the ancient and eternal city has a great symbolic meaning;

Declared that they:

## COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES

1. Signed the Protocol on amendments to the Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States;
2. Adopted the new “Rules of Procedure of the Organization of Turkic States”;
3. Endorsed the “Organization of Turkic States Strategy for 2022-2026” for the implementation of the “Turkic World Vision-2040”;
4. Welcome the holding of the Fourth Consultative Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asia, which took place on 21 July 2022 in Cholpon-Ata and the signing of the Agreement on friendship, good neighborhood, and cooperation for the development of Central Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
5. Congratulate H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye and H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan with the awarding of the Supreme Order of Turkic World;
6. Proclaimed Samarkand as the “Capital of the Turkic Civilization” taking into account its important role for the development of the Turkic civilization throughout the history, being home to scientific, spiritual or religious figures and educators and having served as political, trade, scientific and cultural centers of the Turkic World;
7. Consider Turkish Cypriots as part of the Turkic World and welcome TRNC’s OTS Observer Status;
8. Welcome the success of the first trilateral meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers in Charge of Transport of Azerbaijan-Kazakhstan-Türkiye on 27 June 2022 in Baku and the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Trade/Economy and Transport of Azerbaijan-Türkiye-Uzbekistan on 2 August 2022 in Tashkent to strengthen regional connectivity by tapping the potential of the Trans-Caspian International East-West-Middle Corridor, enhance trade relations and reinforce the existing collaboration on regional and international issues;
9. Reaffirm support to the normalization of relations between Azerbaijan and Armenia on the basis of mutual recognition of and respect for each other’s sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders;
10. Reaffirm their readiness to contribute to the post-conflict rehabilitation, reconstruction, and reintegration efforts of Azerbaijan;
11. Express support to the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic to find a peaceful solution to the situation at the Kyrgyz-Tajik border in line with the fundamental principles of international law, reiterate the importance of resolving disputes exclusively by political and diplomatic means; in this context express the readiness of the Member States to assist in the efforts of Kyrgyzstan for development and reconstruction of infrastructure in the Kyrgyz Republic;
12. Welcome the appointment of H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan as the Elder of Turkmenistan in the Council of Elders;
13. Appreciate Hungary’s active cooperation and coordination with the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) as Observer State, as well as its increasing emphasis on enhancing its relations with all Turkic States to a strategic level, and encourage the Member States to intensify their activities in Hungary via the Representation Office of the OTS in Hungary;
14. Underline their support for an inclusive and representative political system, which upholds fundamental human rights in Afghanistan, express their deep concern regarding the dire economic and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, stress the importance of addressing the substantial challenges

facing Afghanistan's economy and call on international community to strengthen efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan;

15. Welcome in this context the initiative of Uzbekistan to establish a permanent dialogue with the authorities of Afghanistan namely a High-level International Negotiating Group on Afghanistan for preparation and coordination of an algorithm for the phased fulfillment of the obligations of the parties;

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

17. Decide to explore cooperation opportunities for combating irregular migration, including migrant smuggling and human trafficking;

18. Welcome the decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Heads of National Security Council of the Member and Observer States of the OTS on 29 June 2022 in Ankara and instruct the continuation of this meeting on a regular basis with participation of the relevant authorities of the Member States;

19. Instruct the continuation of security consultations within the OTS on a regular basis among the governments and state bodies of the Member States to ensure close coordination and cooperation on security issues of common interest; and call for closer cooperation in the field of defense industry and military collaboration;

20. Praise the continuation of regular meetings of the Council of Elders as an advisory-consultative mechanism to support the efforts of the Secretariat to reach its targets, and its efforts on common terminology, history, and similar subjects; and welcome the participation of Hungary in the Council of Elders;

21. Welcome the symposium of "Administrative Judgement in the Member States of the Organization of the Turkic States" convened with the participation of the Presidents of High Judiciary Bodies of the Member and Observer States in Ankara on 10-13 May 2022 and encourage the continuation of cooperation in justice sphere;

22. Support Türkiye's Asia Anew Initiative, aiming at broadening and deepening relations with the Asian continent, including in the areas of trade and economic cooperation, benefiting from common history, language, culture, traditions, and values with the Turkic peoples;

23. Welcome the Samarkand Solidarity Initiative for the sake of Common Security and Prosperity aimed at ensuring peace and stability, broad international cooperation, and promotion of humanity's sustainable development;

## **ECONOMIC AND SECTORIAL COOPERATION**

24. Create favorable conditions among the Member States by taking necessary steps to facilitate mutual trade and investment; and encourage the relevant authorities to elaborate new initiatives aiming at increasing trade complementarities and eliminating tariff and non-tariff barriers among the Member States;

25. Commend the adoption of the "Organization of Turkic States Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper" to increase trade figures among the Member States through simplification and harmonization of trade and customs procedures, among others, as well as to reduce trade costs and expedite clearance of goods across the borders of the OTS Member States; instruct the responsible authorities of the Member States

and task the Secretary General to take necessary measures arising from the mentioned Strategy, including the creation of the OTS Trade Facilitation Committee and the preparation by the Committee comprehensive action plan for the implementation of the document;

26. Task the relevant Ministries to carry out the proper work, including the necessary analysis in order to continue discussions on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement on Services and Investments in line with national legislations of the Member States; and instruct the Secretariat to finalize the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement among the OTS Member States and prepare these Agreements for signing before the next OTS Summit;

27. Support the initiative of Kazakhstan to establish the “TURANSEZ” special economic zone for the Turkic States in Turkistan to strengthen economic cooperation and connectivity among the Turkic States;

28. Welcome the concept of establishing the “Research Center for Trade Cooperation in Turkic Countries” and “Engineering and Technology Center”;

29. Welcome the initiative to establish Turkic World Investment Forum as a platform providing B2B relations among the investors of the Member and Observer States and third parties which will be held annually;

30. Appreciate the activities of the Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) to strengthen cooperation among the private sector in the Turkic World, such as the business forums jointly organized with the Secretariat in Shusha and Bishkek, respectively on 16 September 2022 and 14 October 2022; and instruct the relevant Ministries and institutions of the Member States to complete necessary procedures for obtaining the international legal status of TCCI;

31. Emphasize the importance of strengthening cooperation among the Member States in the fields of digital economy and the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution;

32. Support the outcomes of the ad-hoc meeting of the Transport Coordination Committee and the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Ministers of Transport respectively held on 12 August 2022 in Istanbul and 28 October 2022 in Tashkent, instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to prioritize increasing investments for ensuring intra-regional connectivity with well-developed and interconnected hard and soft transport infrastructure projects among the Member States;

33. Praise the signing of the “Agreement on the International Combined Freight Transport among the Organization of Turkic States Member States” and the “Transport Connectivity Program” as an important step to facilitate the transport operations across the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor and to bolster transport cooperation among the Member and Observer States;

34. Note the importance of further development of cooperation to increase the infrastructure along the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor, as well as digitalization of transport, border, and customs procedures to increase the transit potential of the route and to integrate it into regional and international transport systems;

35. Support the endeavours of the Member States for the soonest opening of the Zangazur Corridor, increasing the capacity of the “Baku-Tbilisi-Kars” railway line, and the construction of “Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan-China” and “Termez-Mazar-i-Sharif-Kabul-Peshawar” railway lines, which contribute to enhancing better connectivity and diversification of transport links between Europe and Asia;

36. Commend the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Heads of Railway Administrations of the OTS Member States and 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OTS Sister Ports held on 27 October 2022 in Tashkent and encourage the

close cooperation on further development of transit potential of railways, digitalization of transport operations and enhancement of network among railway administrations, sea and dry ports and logistics centers;

37. Support the efforts within the OTS aimed at the digitalization of transport and transit procedures; commend the launch of “e-Permit” pilot project between Türkiye and Uzbekistan, the extension of the digital TIR pilot project among Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, and the establishment of green lanes at the border crossing points for the digital TIR;

38. Encourage the Member States for liberalization of transport, including removing or increasing the number of transit permits and eliminating other non-physical barriers for efficient, stable and uninterrupted transportation within the Turkic region, and further steps in this direction;

39. Task the relevant Ministries of the Member States to encourage national civil aviation authorities to cooperate and promote a liberal air transport policy to expand existing air transport and air cargo networks and low-cost flights among the Member States to increase trade volume, passenger flow, and touristic activity;

40 Support the outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the OTS held on 8-9 June 2022 in Bishkek, instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to continue joint activities on regional integration through simplification, modernization, standardization and harmonization of customs procedures, further application of digital tools in customs, sharing best practices and conducting capacity building programs;

41. Urge to continue the implementation of the “Caravanserai Project” that will enhance competitiveness and attractiveness of the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor through providing uninterrupted operation of customs-border checkpoints;

42. Praise the signing of the “Agreement on Establishment of Simplified Customs Corridor among the Governments of Organization of Turkic States” for facilitating the exchange of information on movement of goods and vehicles between the customs authorities of the OTS Members States;

43 Commend the successful organization of the field visit program conducted by the OTS Secretariat, Ministry of Trade of Türkiye and Customs and Tourism Enterprises Co. Inc. (GTİ. A.Ş.) under the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) to the border crossing points of Türkiye on 16-18 May 2022 with the aim to acquaint with the public-private partnership experience in modernization and operations of the visited custom border gates;

44. Support the outcomes of the ad-hoc Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) of the OTS held on 26-27 May 2022 in Baku in the margins of the Aerospace and Technology Festival “TEKNOFEST” (26-29 May, 2022); and urges relevant Ministries and institutions of the Member States to further explore the opportunities for producing multilateral concrete programs and projects in the field of Digital Infrastructure, E-Government and Cyber Security;

45. Praise the organization of the special Forum on the theme “Role of Innovation and Technology Development in the Turkic Region” organized by OTS Secretariat in the framework of the “InnoWeek Uz-2021” on 23 November 2021 and the “Expert conference for IT professionals specializing in Smart cities” within the “InnoWeek Uz-2022” on 20 October in 2022 in Tashkent; and encourages relevant Ministries and institutions of the Member States to implement similar programs, projects, and activities;

46. Welcome the participation of OTS Member States in the “2022 Digital Bridge Forum” held on 28-29 September 2022 in Astana and co-organization of panel session with the theme of “Innovation and

Startup Ecosystem Enablers in the OTS Member States” within the Forum on 29 September 2022, as well as conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation among the designated technoparks of the OTS Member States;

47. Instruct the Member States to implement the tasks agreed during the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Ministers in charge of ICT of the OTS held on 26 October 2022 in Samarkand within the framework of the Week of Information and Communication Technologies “ICT Week Uzbekistan 2022” (on 24-28 October 2022), welcome the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding on the development of IT field in the Member States of the Organization of Turkic States” and adoption of the “Concept on creation a permanent platform of experts and IT specialists to exchange experience and transfer innovations in building Smart Cities”;

48. Task the relevant Ministries of the Member States in charge of ICT to implement a pilot project on e-signature within the framework of OTS through newly established special technical group as well as to continue collaboration in transformation of public services, to establish digital platforms for e-services, emphasize the importance of the Trans-Caspian fiber-optic infrastructure project within the Digital Silk Way, which will enhance the cooperation among the Member States, and to continue activities on improving the IT infrastructure in the implementation of this project;

49. Encourage to implement joint projects for the development of ICT infrastructure, develop a “Digital Innovation Catalogue of the OTS”, “Common Mobile Device Registration System” under the OTS; and create favorable conditions for the development of innovations and startups in the Member States;

50. Welcome the cooperation with the MEXT Technology Center of Türkiye and the Center for Analysis and Coordination of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution under the Ministry of Economy of the Republic Azerbaijan for the promotion of digitalization and technology transformation, capacity-building programs, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution among the Member States;

51. Welcome the decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Head of Space Agencies of the Member States held on 20 December 2021 in Baku; instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to organize joint capacity building and experience sharing programs, and launch space technology projects;

52. Welcome the decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the OTS Member States held on 28 September 2022 in Almaty, as well as adoption of the OTS Program on Energy Cooperation for 2023-2027 and its Action Plan;

53. Support the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Ministers in Charge of Agriculture of the OTS held on 4 July 2022 in Tashkent and establishment of sub-groups on research and development, economic affairs in agriculture goods, implementation of agriculture techniques and projects, cooperation in seeds issues and animal husbandry;

54. Task the relevant Ministries of the Member States to enhance multilateral cooperation for sustainable agricultural development, promote best practices and innovative technologies and encourage productive linkages in the agricultural sector and develop the legal and institutional basis for ensuring food security in the region;

55. Commend the successful organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Turkic Agro-Forum on the margins of the Ministerial meeting and instruct relevant Ministries of the Member States to continue organizing this Forum to enhance cooperation and network among the government institutions and business communities, increase trade and attract investments in agriculture within the Turkic region;

56. Appreciate Hungary's initiative to establish the Drought Prevention Institute within the framework of the OTS to fight against drought, which threatens all Member and Observer countries; and urge the relevant authorities of the parties to rally necessary cooperation and coordination to this end;

57. Welcome the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Member States and the 1<sup>st</sup> "Turkic Medical World Congress" held on 30-31 October 2022 in Istanbul including the joint declaration with the participation prominent scientists and the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to hold the next "Turkic Medical World Congress" in Samarkand in 2023;

58. Call on the Member and Observer States to activate the cooperation in field of healthcare and join efforts to promote the 2018 Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care;

59. Call on the Member States to take an active part in the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ministers of Tourism of the OTS, which will be held in Kazakhstan in 2023, and to ensure maximum cooperation in the field of tourism;

60. Appreciate the activities and events organized by the Republic of Uzbekistan in Kokand, the 1<sup>st</sup> "Turkic World Tourism Capital" during 2022; and welcome the declaration of Shamakhi as the Turkic World Tourism Capital for the year 2023;

61. Support the outcomes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the OTS held on 24 May 2022 in Shamakhi, Azerbaijan; and instruct to ensure implementation of the "Tabarruk Ziyorat", "Best Tourism Villages of the Turkic States" as well as establishing cooperation in developing winter and golf tourism in the Member and Observer States;

62. Commend the outcomes of the Forum on the implementation of the pilot project "Tabarruk Ziyorat" with the participation of government agencies and tour companies of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan held on October 3-4, 2022 in Turkistan; and instruct the relevant institutions of the Member States to take necessary measures for facilitating the soonest implementation of the pilot project and extending it towards the other Member and Observer States;

63. Instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to coordinate their efforts to compile joint nomination files regarding the Silk Road World Heritage Serial and Transnational Nomination as well as to promote the "Organization of Turkic States' Modern Silk Road Joint Tour Project" with necessary means including the national and international tourism exhibitions;

64. Welcome the opening of "Human Resources" chapter in the cooperation areas among the OTS Member and Observer States; congratulate the Presidency of Türkiye Human Resources Office for successfully organizing the first OTS meeting on Human Resources on 28-29 July 2022 in Istanbul; and commend the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the relevant institutions of the Member States of the Organization of Turkic States Digital Human Resources Systems;

## **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE COOPERATION**

65. Appreciate the decisions of the three rounds of meetings of the Heads of Muslim Religious Boards of the OTS and the establishment of the Council of Heads of Muslim Religious Boards within the framework of the OTS; and encourage to improve cooperation among the Boards based on the ideas of Turkic-Islamic solidarity, national-spiritual, moral, and cultural values of the Turkic peoples;

66. Highly appreciate the results of the VII Congress of World and Traditional Leaders held in Kazakhstan 14-15 September 2022 and support the efforts of religious leaders to promote interreligious, intercultural and intercivilizational dialogue;

67. Support the decisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of Institutions in Charge of Diaspora Affairs of the OTS convened on 19 November 2021 online; and call on the relevant institutions of the Member States to increase their cooperation and coordination based on the “Turkic Speaking Diaspora Joint Activity Strategy” and the annual “Turkic Diaspora Joint Action Plans”;
68. Appreciate the organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Diaspora Forum of the OTS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Experience Sharing Program among the OTS Diaspora Institutions, and the Nowruz celebrations with a large participation from across the world in Bursa on 28-30 March 2022 by Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of the Republic of Türkiye; and reaffirm the significance of strengthening cultural, linguistic, and social ties among the Turkic States and communities living across the world;
69. Commend the organization of 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting among the Official Foreign Policy Research Centers of the Member States of the OTS on 14-15 October 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding among the Official Research Centers of the Member and Observer States;
70. Instruct the relevant authorities of the Member States to cooperate with each other, first and foremost in the areas of public diplomacy, communication and media to strengthen ties and coordination among the relevant authorities including public institutions, NGOs, media outlets, academics, decision-makers, and opinion leaders, as well as to create new opportunities for collaboration to successfully combat disinformation in the international sphere and accurately inform the general public;
71. Welcome the outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Information and Media of the OTS held on 14 May 2022 in Istanbul and the establishment of the “Alliance of Turkic News Agencies (ATNA)” and “Association of Journalists of the Organization of Turkic States”; and encourage Member States to complete necessary internal procedures in this regard;
72. Commend the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Audiovisual Media Regulators of the Member and Observer States on 26-29 October 2022 in Baku and Shusha and the establishment of the Turkic Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum;
73. Praise the programs and projects realized in the field of youth and sports, support the outcomes of the Sixth Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Youth and Sports of the OTS held on 30 September 2022 in Bursa, 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 OTS;
74. Welcome the declaration of Bukhara as the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Capital of the Turkic World, the official announcement of 2022 as the “Year of Support for Youth Initiatives in the Turkic World”, and the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Forum of the OTS on 3-4 June 2022 in Bukhara with a large participation from the Member and Observer States;
75. Express satisfaction with the successful organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Voluntarism Training Program and the 1<sup>st</sup> Multilateral Youth Exchange Program of the OTS in Türkiye on 1-5 August 2022 and 14-20 August 2022 respectively, and urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to benefit from such initiatives to improve interaction among the Turkic youth;
76. Welcome the initiative on launching the Dialogue of Generations, the first meeting of which will be held as part of the Youth Leaders Forum in Samarkand in April 2023;
77. Congratulate high-level organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Nomad Games in Türkiye on 29 September-2 October 2022, which contributed to the promotion of Turkic cultural heritage, development of ethno-historical sports and intercultural dialogue, and welcome the decision on holding the 5<sup>th</sup> World Nomad Games in Kazakhstan in 2024;



78. Encourage the organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Turkic University Sports Games (Turkic Universiade) in Kazakhstan in 2023, and urge the relevant authorities of the Member States to provide utmost cooperation for the organization and actively participate in the Games;

79. Welcome the decision made at the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commissions for UNESCO of the TURKSOY Member States on 13-14 May 2022 in Bursa with regard to holding the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in Shusha, Azerbaijan, the Cultural Capital of the Turkic World for 2023;

80. Congratulate the Member and Observer States for the successes achieved in International Sports Tournaments in 2022 including, 5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya, and encourage continuation of the major international sports events in Turkic States;

81. Welcome awarding posthumously Chingiz Aytmatov, prominent Kyrgyz writer and public figure, with the Alisher Navoi International Prize of the Organization of Turkic States “For Contribution to the Unity of the Turkic World”;

82. Support initiative to establish a Turkic Site Managers Network, which will provide the cooperation among monuments managing bodies of the Member and Observer States, work on the joint projects, promote the Turkic monuments and share experiences;

#### **INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN THE TURKIC WORLD**

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

84. Encourage enhancement of cooperation among the Turkic Cooperation Organizations under the umbrella of the Secretariat of the OTS;

85. Express satisfaction with the year of 2022 as the first year of the Turkic Academy and TCHF receiving a full-fledged budget and international staff from Member States;

86. Take note of the outcomes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of TURKPA held on 24 July 2022 in Issyk-Kul and welcome the change of the name of the Organization into Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States;

87. Commend the OTS and TURKPA on observation of elections and referenda in the Member States to support the political participation and good governance and the latter’s activities on the elaboration of model legislation;

88. Welcome the declaration of Bursa of the Republic of Türkiye as “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World” in 2022, express satisfaction with the activities organized in the city, also welcome the adoption of Shusha, as the “Cultural Capital of the Turkic World 2023” and express its support to the activities including cultural days that will be organized in Bursa in 2022 by TCHF and in Shusha in 2023 by TURKSOY;

89. Congratulate the discovery of the ritual complex as an important site for the common Turkic history in August 2022 in Nomgon valley of Mongolia as a result of the joint archaeological excavation of the Turkic Academy and Mongolian Academy of Sciences;

90. Congratulate TCHF on creation of “Seven Beauties” classical music group (septet) of female musicians from 7 Turkic countries, appreciate their first performance at the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting of the Heads of State; welcome TCHF’s cooperation with International Institute for Central Asian Studies and

UNESCO on holding an international scientific symposium within the framework of the Samarkand Summit;

91. Praise TCHF's attention to Turkic minorities, underline its positive impact in uniting Turkic peoples worldwide;

92. Take note of the Protocol of Intent signed at the Conference of the Special Service Agencies of the Turkic States held in Issyk-Kul on 26 July 2022;

#### **COOPERATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES**

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

94. Welcome the increasing attention of the third countries and international organizations in developing institutional cooperation with the Organization of Turkic States on areas of mutual interest, and urge to accelerate joint efforts to obtain observer status for Organization of Turkic States at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly and Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

95. Encourage the Secretariat to maximize efforts to strengthen its cooperation with relevant international and financial institutions, including the UN, OIC and their (TR) agencies, to enhance institutional relations with regional organizations including the EU, OSCE, CoE, BSEC, OECD, ECO, CICA, V4 and ASEAN and African Union to carry out joint projects with them on the areas of mutual interests;

96. Commend the role of the Member States in extending development and humanitarian assistance to the third countries across the world that contributes to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; global fight against COVID-19 pandemic, and support further enhancement of cooperation among the development agencies of the Member States;

97. Welcome and express their support to the launch of transformation of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) into a full-fledged international organization at the 6<sup>th</sup> CICA Summit taken place on 12-13 October 2022, in Astana;

98. Support the initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic on the announcement of 2023-2027. "Five Years of Action for Mountain Development" to further advance the "mountain agenda" of the draft resolution "Sustainable Mountain Development";

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES:**

99. Congratulate the Republic of Türkiye for the successful Chairmanship of the Organization of Turkic States in 2021-2022; and highly value its great contribution to the activities of the Organization of Turkic States;

100. Welcome the proposal of H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to declare 2023 as the year of the "Rise of Turkic Civilization";

101. Commend the significant achievements in the activities of the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States since the last Summit as presented by the Secretary General Baghdad Amreyev in his report, thank him for his great contributions to the work of the Secretariat in 2018-2022; support the further strengthening the capacity of the Secretariat for effective implementation of its growing tasks, and express their wishes of success for the next Secretary General H.E. Kubanychbek Omuraliev;

102. Commend the outgoing Deputies Secretary General Mr. Gismat Gozalov, Mr. Sultan Raev and Mr. Arslan Koichiev for their contributions;

103. Decide to hold the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Organization of Turkic States in 2023 in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Heads of State express profound thanks to H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, for steering the deliberations of the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Organization of Turkic States to a successful conclusion and appreciate the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Uzbekistan. They welcome the assumption of the Chairmanship of the Organization of Turkic States by the Republic of Uzbekistan until the next Summit.

Signed on 11 November 2022 in Samarkand, in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish and Uzbek languages.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ilham Aliyev

President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

President of the Kyrgyz Republic

Sadyr Zhaparov

President of the Republic of Türkiye

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Shavkat Mirziyoyev