

CHARTER OF THE TURKIC WORLD

Preamble

Emphasizing the importance of further developing cooperation among Turkic States on the basis of common historical ties, language and cultural harmony,

Desiring to further strengthen cooperation among the Turkic States, promoting the idea of unity in language, thought and deed,

Considering that the Turkic states are united not only by a glorious past, but also by a shared vision of the present and future, in a wide geography spanning Central Asia, the Caucasus, Anatolia, Europe, the Black Sea, the Balkans and the Mediterranean,

Acknowledging the historic role of great Turkic statehoods spanning from ancient Turkic States to the modern days as the key basis for further Turkic integration in the Third Millennium,

Praising the life, works and legacy of our great personalities along with that the Silk Road, *inter alia*, representatives of the Turkic-pre-Islamic and the Turkic-Islamic Golden Age, who inspired us by contributing greatly to the creation and progress of the unique Turkic identity and had a huge impact on entire humanity, including development of science, philosophy, theology, literature and art,

Recognizing that any civilization stands on main pillars, such as common language, common writing and common religious or ideological values,

Noting that the sincere brotherly relations among the leaders of the Member States and Observers of the Organization of Turkic States, the regular meetings and the active dialogue are a great impetus for the development of multilateral cooperation,

Taking into account the further expansion of Turkic cooperation on the basis of the Nakhichevan Agreement on the establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States, "Turkic World Vision – 2040", the Astana Act and other decisions and documents, adopted within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States,

Expressing adherence to the Charter of the United Nations and the universally recognized principles of international law, in particular the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

We, the Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States, have adopted this Charter on the following:

I. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

Objectives of the Charter

The objectives of the Charter are to further expand multifaceted cooperation among fraternal Turkic States based on Turkic identity, promoting common history, culture and traditions and strengthening linguistic ties.

This Charter is not an international treaty under international law.

Basic Principles

The following are recognized as the main principles for the implementation of the Charter:

- priority of fraternal ties;
- constancy of the spirit of solidarity;
- Common Turkic space;
- commonality of the Turkic heritage;
- multiculturalism and respect towards religions;
- Engagement with the international community.

Priority of Fraternal Ties

The people of Turkic States are united by fraternal bonds, rooted in their shared history, culture, traditions, language, religion and values. These fraternal bonds form the foundation of relationships among Turkic States.

Turkic States will take the necessary measures to further promote the spirit of brotherhood in practical cooperation in accordance with their national legislation.

Cooperation in all spheres among the Turkic States will continue develop and progress on the basis of a spirit of brotherhood, with full respect to the national sovereignty, and international commitments thereof.

The Turkic states will encourage the activities of public institutions, international organizations, associations, academia, private sector, media circles, think tanks and opinion leaders that contribute to the development and expansion of fraternal ties among their population.

Constancy of the Spirit of Solidarity

All the Turkic states acknowledge that in any joyous and sorrowful times they stand together in the spirit of unity and solidarity.

The Turkic people will strive together to prevent any actions and threats aimed at undermining their unity, solidarity and dignity.

Common Turkic Space

The cooperation between the Turkic States will develop and flourish on the basis of the principle of "Common Turkic Space".

The Common Turkic Space, will further enhance unanimity, cooperation in trade and economic ties, promote the flow of investments, strengthen transport links among Turkic states, facilitate the movement of citizens and contribute to the aim of creating a single information space through common media outlets.

The Turkic states will take additional necessary measures for further development of the Common Turkic Space.

Commonality of the Turkic Heritage

Turkic civilization is an integral part of the global civilization. Tangible and intangible heritage of the Turkic people, including their contribution to the development of science, culture and architecture, is construed to be the Common Turkic Heritage.

The preservation, study and transmission of this unique heritage to future generations will continue to be a priority for Turkic States.

Turkic states will create broad and equal conditions for studying, promoting, popularizing and preserving common Turkic heritage.

To this end, Turkic States will develop touristic and cultural programs aimed at promoting historical, spiritual and cultural heritage of Turkic civilization.

Multiculturalism and Respect towards Religions

Turkic civilization has long served as a bridge between civilizations, demonstrating harmony among nations and people and manifesting respect towards religions and confessions.

Coexistence grounded in diversity and harmony has always been valued as a fundamental advantage of the Turkic people.

Strengthening the common Turkic identity is intended to promote multiculturalism and tolerance, allowing representatives of different ethnic and religious groups to peacefully coexist and flourish in harmony.

Engagement with the International Community

The Turkic states will leverage the best achievements of globalization, including modern science, technology, innovation, industry, know-how and integrate them into all aspects of social life and activity.

The Turkic states, on the basis of regular dialogue and close cooperation with the international community, in particular, international organizations and the third countries, will make significant tangible contributions to ensuring global and regional, interconnectedness and sustainable development.

II. TURKIC UNIQUENESS

Science and Moral Values

The science and moral values have long been served as the milestone of the Turkic civilization's advancement.

The Turkic States uphold and promote the belief that “There is no salvation other than knowledge” while embracing strong moral values in the development of science and education of the younger generation.

Acknowledging the significant role of the Turkic people in the outset of the first Renaissance known as the “Eastern Awakening”, they will strongly support the progress of modern science, especially the exact sciences.

Common Turkic Alphabet and Language

The Turkic States recognize that a common alphabet is an effective means of mutual understanding and bringing people closer together. Historically the Turkic people used the shared script, evidenced by the Orkhun-Yenisey inscriptions and others.

The common alphabet is encouraged to be developed in harmony with the national linguistic features of the Turkic states and the Turkic people.

The Turkic countries will support the activities of the Common Alphabet Commission operating under the Turkic Academy.

Turkic people recognize that they historically used a common language, on which Turkic states will support research, scientific and other similar activities.

III. INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

Turkic Cooperation Organizations

All the Turkic Cooperation Organizations will actively participate in the realization of the goals and tasks defined in the Charter, and coordinate their activities through the Coordination Committee.