



**APPEAL
FROM THE FIRST FORUM
OF TURKIC COUNCIL DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS
TO**

**President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
His Excellency Ilham Aliyev**

**President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
His Excellency Nursultan Nazarbayev**

**President of the Kyrgyz Republic
His Excellency Almazbek Atambayev**

**President of the Republic of Turkey
His Excellency Abdullah Gül**

Honorable Presidents!

Located in a region of great geostrategic importance, Turkic countries are united by common culture, traditions, spiritual values, historic roots and ethnic affinity. These factors constitute conducive ground for accelerated development of relations among Turkic peoples and establishment of cooperation in many areas including diaspora and lobbying.

Realities of the modern world dictate that relations of friendship and solidarity among Turkic states develop within a more organized institutional frame. Geopolitical situation in the world and in the region, challenges facing our peoples as well as their common interests render consolidation of unity among Turkic peoples a historical imperative.

Recently, systematic work has been done in order to achieve coordinated action in the area of Turkic diasporas and lobbying. Summits of Heads of Turkic States, various fora aimed at promoting friendship, brotherhood and cooperation among Turkic states and communities, the First Forum of Azerbaijani and Turkish Diasporas, and other similar events have all given new impetus to the idea of uniting all Turkic diasporas. The fact that these events were organized with the support of the Heads of Turkic states is the clear evidence of the importance they attach to the unity and orderliness of the Turkic world.

Integration into the globalizing world and establishment of dialogue between civilizations are dictated by the very spirit of the modern age. Development of cooperative relations among our countries and consolidation of Turkic world's unity are in line with this spirit.

We, the participants of the First Forum of Turkic Council Diaspora Organizations held in Baku, the capital city of the Azerbaijani Republic on June 21, 2013, discussed a number of important issues like accelerated development of relations among Turkic diaspora organizations and consolidation of efforts in order to promote the common interests. We have reached the conclusion that issues like maintenance and promotion of common values of Turkic peoples on the international stage, successful integration of Turkic diasporas throughout the world into societies they live in, and protection of their rights and freedoms constitute primary directions of our joint action.

In a world of ubiquitous and rapid globalization, finding solutions to a number of vital problems, informing the international community of the truth regarding those problems, and installation of justice, peace and security in line with the international law and norms are among important tasks that fall upon us. Our joint action aims not only at promoting the political interests but establishing bilateral and multilateral relations in economic, cultural, and other areas as well as fighting negative trends distressing the mankind. We shall expend all our efforts and talents in order to further strengthen the historic relations of friendship and brotherhood on the basis of common values, comprehensive cooperation, and mutual respect for national interests.

Honorable Presidents!

We, the representatives of Turkic Council member states' diaspora organizations, assure You that we shall unite our efforts and do our utmost in order to fulfil, with the sense of great responsibility and professionalism, the duties that fall upon us in relation to achieving unity among Turkic peoples, defending their interests, and making their rightful voice audible on the international stage.

Continuous support, special attention and consideration of the Heads of Turkic Countries greatly encourage us in accomplishing this honorable mission.

As the representatives of Turkic Council member states' diaspora organizations we address You, the Heads of Turkic Countries, and express our full support to your efforts in promoting interests of the Turkic world. We strongly believe that continuous development of friendly and brotherly relations between our states will greatly contribute to prosperity and accomplishment of common interests of our peoples.

This Appeal was adopted at the First Forum of Turkic Council Diaspora Organizations

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