

BUDAPEST DECLARATION OF THE INFORMAL SUMMIT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES

The Informal Summit of the Organization of Turkic States (hereinafter referred to as the OTS), upon the initiative of Hungary, was held in Budapest on 21 May 2025 on the theme of **“Meeting Point of East and West”**.

The meeting was hosted by H.E. Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary 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. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as H.E. Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Secretary General of the OTS.

The Heads of State of the OTS,

Emphasizing the significant contributions of the Turkic peoples in world civilization throughout history including their enduring legacy in the cultural and political formation of Europe and Asia, and considerable role of the Turkic States in influencing the contemporary political, economic, and social progress in the world, as well as for the regional and global peace and security;

Reaffirming their unwavering commitment to the principles, objectives, and spirit of the historic Nakhchivan Agreement, which laid the institutional foundation of the Organization and continues to guide their unity, cooperation, and shared aspirations for peace, development, and solidarity across the Turkic World;

Commending the remarkable political, economic, environmental, social and cultural achievements of the Turkic States in advancing the goals set forth in the “Turkic World Vision 2040”, including efforts to enhance sustainable energy supply and connectivity across the continents which strengthen the role of the Turkic States in the region and beyond;

Recognizing the “The Charter of the Turkic World” as a fundamental expression of the shared culture, traditions, language, and history of the Turkic peoples, and a unifying framework for strengthening their common Turkic identity;

Highlighting the increasingly vital role of the OTS in enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Turkic States in various fields, and *reaffirming* their unwavering support for the activities of the OTS in promoting the values of the Turkic World and interests of the Turkic States in international fora;

Commending the ongoing Chairpersonship of the Kyrgyz Republic and the successful organization of the Bishkek Summit on 6 November 2024, which underscored economic integration, sustainable development, digital future and security in the Turkic World;

Highly valuing Hungary’s strong determination for and remarkable contributions to the advancement of multifaceted cooperation with the OTS and the Turkic States;

Reaffirming the collective responsibility to maintain international peace and security as well as in fostering sustainable development through joint efforts and collaborative initiatives;

Declared that they:

1. Stress the great value that they attach to Informal Summit of the OTS for the first time hosted by an Observer;
2. Congratulate His Excellency Viktor Orbán, the Prime Minister of Hungary, for the successful completion of Hungary's presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) and Hungary's sincere efforts in developing the relations between the OTS and the EU in this period;
3. Commend the Hungarian authorities for successfully hosting high-level OTS meetings in 2024 and 2025, including the 16th meeting of the Council of Elders, 2nd Transport Coordination Committee meeting, Online Workshop on Intelligent Transport Systems in Road Management, Informal meeting of Heads of Customs Administrations, 7th meeting of the Ministers/Heads of Institutions in charge of Diaspora Affairs, 2nd Meeting of Competition Authorities, demonstrating Hungary's strong will to contribute to the multilateral cooperation agenda of the OTS;
4. Express their determination to further enhance the solidarity, cooperation and coordination among the Turkic States in all spheres using their immense potential and the emerging opportunities;
5. Welcome the valuable contributions of Hungary, Turkmenistan and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in their capacity as Observers, as an inseparable part of the Turkic World, to the work of the OTS;
6. Emphasize the need to reach a negotiated, mutually acceptable and viable settlement of the Cyprus issue based on existing realities on the Island; express their solidarity with the Turkish Cypriot people as integral part of the Turkic World in their aspirations to secure their equal inherent rights;
7. Take note of the successful organization of the 17th meeting of the Council of Elders held in Girne on 1-2 May 2025;
8. Take note of the proposal of the Kyrgyz side to convene the Meeting of Heads of Government/Vice-president;
9. Express their will to further enhance political solidarity and mutual support on vital issues of national interest of the Member States, as laid out in the Turkic World Vision – 2040;
10. Reaffirm their commitment to the integrity and the organizational and decision-making capacity of the OTS as well as adhere to the spirit of fraternity and emphasize the importance of preventing any actions and threats aimed at undermining their unity and solidarity, as underscored in the "Charter of the Turkic World";
11. Underscore the importance of considering the draft Treaty on Strategic Partnership, Eternal Friendship, and Brotherhood of Turkic States before the 12th Summit in Azerbaijan;

12. Stress their shared understanding that the multifaceted cooperation in the Turkic World particularly in political, economic, trade, transport, energy and agriculture is a strategic factor in promoting peace, security, stability, development, and prosperity both within the region and globally;
13. Underscore their collective conviction on the need to ensure stability, development, and prosperity through respect for norms and principles of international law;
14. Welcome the adoption of the UNGA resolution 79/79 (2024) that inter alia, encourages the Working Group on the strengthening of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction Convention to further consider the measures aimed at strengthening and institutionalizing the Convention in all its aspects, in particular on how to proceed on organizational matters within the Working Group, including the possibility of an international agency for biological security and other institutional arrangements, and express their will to continue cooperation in that regard;
15. Instruct the relevant authorities to continue holding regular political and security consultations on regional and international matters of common interest to the Turkic States in the face of the geopolitical and security challenges in order to reinforce joint responses to such challenges with a strategic vision;
16. Encourage Member States to continue joint efforts to combat all forms of terrorism and transnational organized crime, the financing of terrorism and cyber-crime which pose a threat and challenges to peace and security in the region and beyond;
17. Commend the constructive role played by Türkiye towards the establishment of security and stability in Syria on the basis of its territorial integrity and unity, achievement of an inclusive political process with the participation of all Syrian components and lifting of sanctions;
18. Welcome the intention and valuable efforts by other OTS Member States in ensuring smooth post-conflict recovery and sustainable development of Syria;
19. Welcome successful service of Kazakhstan's first peacekeeping contingent deployed to the UN mission in the Golan Heights (UNDOF) to contribute to strengthening international peace and security;
20. Express deep concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza; reaffirm support for negotiations towards a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire, release of hostages/detainees and unhindered humanitarian access to Gaza; reject all initiatives towards displacement of Palestinians from Gaza; stress the need for a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the implementation of the two-state solution in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions, based on 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital;
21. Commend the establishment of the Working Group on Afghanistan, which shall facilitate elaboration of common position of the OTS Member States on matters related to Afghanistan;

22. Reiterate their will to enhance productive multilateral cooperation under the OTS in the field of defense industry and tasked the relevant authorities of the Member States to expedite their efforts to this end;
23. Reiterate their commitment to maintain cooperation in combatting all forms of racism, discrimination, xenophobia, hatred against Islam, hate speech, and disinformation, and to harmonize efforts in international platforms to address these phenomena, while cooperating to reach the aims of the UN Resolutions in these fields;
24. Encourage increasing ties and collaboration among diaspora organizations of OTS Members and improving their capacity to enhance visibility of OTS Members' diasporas;
25. Urge stronger coordination among the Turkic Cooperation Organizations to globally promote Turkic history, heritage and culture through existing international platforms, particularly the UN, and UNESCO in order to highlight the historical and civilizational contributions of the Turkic world;
26. Welcome the convening of the II Cultural Forum of the Turkic World on 27-28 April 2025 in the city of Khiva, Uzbekistan, and commend its contribution to fostering mutual cultural integration among Turkic States, underscore the importance of the Forum as a valuable platform for enhancing cultural dialogue across the Turkic World;
27. Appreciate the success of the Baku Process as a pioneering initiative in promoting intercultural dialogue on a global scale and commend the Republic of Azerbaijan for its continued leadership in this regard; express support for the organization of the VII World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue to be held in 2026 and encourage the active participation of Turkic States, including through the organization of a side event to highlight the cultural values and common vision of the Turkic World within the framework of the Forum;
28. Endorse the proposal of the "Working Group on the increasing of staff and budget of the Secretariat of the OTS", to significantly increase the budget of the Secretariat of the OTS in the forthcoming years due to the growing tasks set by the OTS Member States;

Instruct the Secretariat to prepare an Action Plan to be formally approved during the 12th Summit to be held in Azerbaijan on the basis of the proposals of the OTS Member States with a view to reflect the timetable of the said increase of the budget, and in this regard, to take note of the preliminary list of projects prepared and submitted to the OTS Member States;

Endorse the proposal of the Working Group that the issues related to the increase of the staff is reviewed in accordance with the needs of the Secretariat within the budget increase, taking into account further analysis on, among others, legal, financial, and administrative aspects of the matter;
29. Recognize the steady growth in regional trade and commit to concrete actions aimed at unlocking its full potential, while highlighting the significance of closer regional cooperation to improve competitiveness and global impact;
30. Emphasize the importance of providing transparency and legal predictivity to service suppliers and investors and welcome the efforts of the Member States to launch negotiations in the field of services and investment facilitation for sustainable development;

31. Emphasize the importance of the launch of project activities of the Turkic Investment Fund, established as the first joint financial institution of the OTS;
32. Reaffirm their commitment to sustainable green development adaptation to climate change and environmental protection, guided by the principles of the Turkic Green Vision and emphasize the importance of developing green energy equipment and technologies, fostering climate-resilient infrastructure, promoting energy efficiency and effective waste management, including Zero Waste approach as well as preservation, effective use of natural resources and ecosystem services for environmental, economic and social sustainability;
33. Commend the leadership of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the successful hosting of the 29th Session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November 2024, including its principal outcome — the Baku Climate Unity Pact, as well as the initiatives undertaken by it under the COP29 Presidency aimed at addressing the interrelated challenges of climate change and sustainable development";
34. Recognize the importance of collective climate action and call for support Kazakhstan's initiative to host the Regional Climate Summit in 2026;
35. Note the importance of the development of green energy corridors across the region, and welcome the progress in the implementation of the projects on green energy development and transmission;
36. Encourage cooperation in the field of space technologies and sciences, satellite technologies and application, expansion of legal basis, knowledge exchange and human capital development and welcome the meeting of OTS Heads of Space Agencies held in Baku on 23 April 2025;
37. Stress the growing necessity for further enhancement of financial cooperation within the OTS and welcome development of cooperation among the financial intelligence units, as well as the fintech associations of Turkic States;
38. Reaffirm the commitment of the Member States to strengthening regional connectivity and upgrading transport infrastructure, integrated digitalization along the Trans Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor, to facilitate trade, transit, and economic cooperation among the OTS Members and Observers, while promoting harmonized transport regulations and modernized logistics networks for enhanced efficiency and competitiveness;
39. Encourage integration of the ePermit system among OTS Member States in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding among the Member States of the Organization of Turkic States regarding Cooperation and Use of Electronic Permit (e-Permit) in International Road Transport Operations signed on 6 July 2024 in Shusha;
40. Welcome the entry into force of the Agreement on the Establishment of Simplified Customs Corridor among the Governments of the Organization of Turkic States signed on 11 November 2022 in Samarkand;
41. Welcome the signing of "Technical Conditions of Information Exchange between Customs Administrations of the Member States of the OTS" and the "Action Plan ('Road Map') for the Implementation of the eTIR Procedure in accordance with the TIR Convention

(1975, Geneva) in the area of the OTS”, which took place on 16 January 2025 in Baku, during the 10th Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the OTS, successfully hosted by Azerbaijan;

42. Emphasize the need to simplify trade and customs procedures among the OTS Member States by advancing the Simplified Customs Corridor in accordance with Agreement on the Establishment of Simplified Customs Corridor among the Governments of the Organization of Turkic States, digitalizing customs operations, and instruct relevant authorities to intensify efforts against illicit trade and customs violations, ensuring a secure and transparent cross-border trade environment;
43. Underline the importance of strengthening agricultural cooperation through enhanced trade, investment, and innovation-driven farming practices and instruct the relevant authorities to encourage further the coordinated efforts to harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary standards among the OTS Members and Observers to facilitate the movement of agricultural products and enhance food safety;
44. Commend the activities of the Drought Prevention Institute of the OTS based in Hungary, including the OTS Regional Water Forum held in Brussels on 5 March 2025, and note the importance of the implementation of the selected projects that will contribute to the drought prevention, sustainable and efficient use of water resources in the OTS region;
45. Welcome the resolution of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly “Sustainable Mountain Development”, which declared 2023-2027 as the “Five Year of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions”, in order to enhance the awareness of the international community of the problems of the mountain countries and to give new impetus to the international community’s efforts to address the challenges and problems of mountain countries;
46. Welcome the adoption at the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the UN General Assembly resolutions “International Day in Memory of the Victims of Earthquakes” and “Decade of Action on Afforestation and Reforestation in Accordance with Sustainable Forest Management”;
47. Express readiness to support the initiative to maintain the new global dialogue on "Mountains and Climate" in the annual calendar of the UN Climate Change Conference by considering joining the draft Resolution "Call to action to consolidate the dialogue "Mountains and Climate" in the annual calendar of the UNFCCC";
48. Reaffirming the importance of Mountain Development Agenda and support Kyrgyzstan's intention to hold the Second Bishkek+25 Global Mountain Summit in 2027;
49. Underscore the priority of strengthening human resource capacity at the primary health care level and to promote global health diplomacy through enhanced collaboration while expressing appreciation to the proclamation of 2025 as the “Year of Primary Health Care in OTS Countries”;
50. Welcome signing of the memorandums of understanding on medical education and science, and emergency medical care during the 5th Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the OTS held on 8 April 2025 in Astana;

51. Encourage strengthening of cooperation of OTS with other relevant international organizations to contribute to enhanced regional interaction and call for stronger mutual coordination and support for each other's candidacies, resolutions, statements and other initiatives based on shared interests within international organizations whenever possible;
52. Welcome the candidacy of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN Security Council for the term 2027-2028 and ECOSOC for the term 2028-2030 reaffirm their joint support to the above-mentioned candidacy;
53. Welcome the candidacies of the Republic Uzbekistan to the non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the term 2035-2036 and UNESCO Executive Board for the term 2027-2031;
54. Welcome the candidacies of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the post of the President of 86th UN General Assembly for the term 2031-2032, UN Security Council for the term 2039-2040 and UNESCO Executive Board for the term 2027-2031;
55. Welcome the candidacies of the Republic of Türkiye to the Non-Permanent membership for the UN Security Council for the term 2037-2038, to the UNESCO Executive Board the term 2025-2029, ECOSOC for the term 2026-2028;
56. Welcome the candidacies of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the term 2025-2029 and to the UN-HABITAT Executive Board for the term 2025-2029;
57. Commend the efforts to bolster cooperation within the Union of Turkic Ski Resorts, notably successful Turkic Ski Cup held on 18 February in Uzbekistan, and support the development of winter tourism and sports among the OTS countries through joint initiatives , encourage active participation of Member States in the first Summit of the Union of Turkic Ski Resorts to be held in Azerbaijan within its Chairpersonship by the Shahdag Tourism Center on 11-14 July, 2025, and the inclusion of new mountain-ski resorts to join the Union;
58. Praise the establishment of the Advisory Platform of the Central Election Authorities of the OTS Member States and welcome the outcomes of its first meeting, as well as organization of International Scientific and Practical Conference on "The Turkic World: Traditions, Practice, and Prospects for the Development of Electoral System" held on 13-15 May 2025 in Turkistan;
59. Highlight the necessity of carrying out the relevant works for inscribing multinational elements on the UNESCO lists and presenting Joint nomination files for commemoration of historic events and anniversaries of "Eminent Personalities Program";
60. Welcome awarding Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar, world-known scientist and Nobel Prize laureate, with the Alisher Navoi International Prize of the Organization of Turkic States "For Contribution to the Unity of the Turkic World";
61. Welcome the Member States' intention for further enhancing and structuring cooperation on youth-related issues as an essential element of strengthening cultural and humanitarian ties,

aimed at fostering mutual understanding, solidarity, and a shared future among the Turkic States;

62. Commend the advanced achievements especially the exchange programs in the field of Youth and Sports within the OTS and encourage the Observers of the OTS. to host such activities to further develop unity and solidarity;
63. Welcome the declaration of the city of Aktau as the Cultural Capital of the Turkic World for 2025 by the initiative of the TURKSOY, aimed to enhance regional cultural cooperation and to implement joint initiatives celebrating the richness and diversity of Turkic heritage;
64. Welcome and support Uzbekistan's initiative to host the Meeting of Investment Promotion Agencies of the OTS Member States. in cooperation and with the participation of Turkic Investment Fund in Tashkent in June 2025;
65. Support the application of the Republic of Uzbekistan on accession to the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation, which will further strengthen solidarity and cooperation in the OTS;
66. Welcome the tradition of holding meetings of the UNESCO National Commissions of TURKSOY Member States in the framework of the Cultural Capitals of the Turkic World;
67. Underline the importance of protecting cultural heritage during armed conflicts and commend the efforts of Turkic States in the post-conflict preservation, restoration, and revitalization of cultural heritage; Welcome joint activities, knowledge sharing, and technical cooperation in the protection of cultural heritage in conflict-affected areas;
68. Expressing the trans-cultural nature of Nowruz, acting as an intercultural bridge, and a symbol of universal values, reiterating their determination to pass on the profound richness of the Turkic culture and the common values of the Turkic peoples to future generations and recalling the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/64/253 initiated by the Republic of Azerbaijan and co-sponsored by the OTS Member States; decide to commemorate and celebrate Nowruz within the OTS upon the initiative of the President of the Republic of Türkiye and instruct the Secretariat to arrange celebratory events on this occasion within the Organization in cooperation with the Member States and Observers as well as the Turkic Cooperation Organizations;
69. Welcome the initiative the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to hold the World Congress of Turkologists in Uzbekistan in December 2025;
70. Welcome the readiness of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 12th Summit of the OTS in 2025;
71. Adopt the "Joint Statement on Afghanistan";

The Heads of States of OTS extend their gratitude to H.E. Viktor Orbán, the Prime Minister Hungary, for his contributions to the solidarity and prosperity of the Turkic World, as well as for steering the deliberations of the Budapest Informal Summit of the OTS to a successful conclusion and the warm hospitality of the Government and people of Hungary.

Signed on 21 May 2025 in Budapest, in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish and Uzbek languages.

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