

**GABALA DECLARATION OF THE TWELFTH SUMMIT OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES
Gabala, Republic of Azerbaijan**

The Council of Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States convened on 7 October 2025 in Gabala, Republic of Azerbaijan under the theme of “Regional Peace and Security”. The Summit was chaired by H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and attended by H.E. Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Sadyr Zhaparov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, National Leader of the Turkmen People, Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan, H.E. Mr. Ersin Tatar, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as well as H.E. Mr. Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States, Members of the Council of Elders and Heads of Turkic Cooperation Organizations and Institutions.

The Heads of State of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS),

Welcoming the successful completion of the Chairpersonship of the Kyrgyz Republic and expressing appreciation for its contributions to strengthening institutional cooperation and advancing the Organization’s strategic agenda;

Recognizing the Turkic World as a united family, bound by shared ethnic roots, history, language, culture, traditions, and values, and committed to the ideals of peace, security, stability, development, and prosperity, as reaffirmed in the Garabagh Declaration signed in Shusha on 6 July 2024;

Welcoming the Budapest Declaration of the Informal Summit of the OTS held upon the initiative of Hungary on 21 May 2025 on the theme of “Meeting Point of East and West”, which underscored the unwavering commitment of the Turkic States for the unity, cooperation, and shared aspirations for peace, development, and solidarity across the Turkic World;

Recalling the principles enshrined in the Nakhchivan Agreement, the Turkic World Vision-2040, and the Charter of the Turkic World which affirm the commitment of Member States to peace, security, stability, and prosperity across the Turkic region and beyond;

Emphasising their commitment to strengthening the security and stability of the Member States, in accordance with universally recognized norms and principles of international law—particularly those pertaining to the respect for and support of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the inviolability of international state borders, as well as the principle of non-interference in internal affairs;

Recognizing the growing role of the OTS as a constructive force in promoting regional and international peace, fostering dialogue, and advancing effective multilateral cooperation in response to global challenges;

Reaffirming the shared values, which form the foundation of peaceful coexistence and strategic partnership among the Turkic States;

Reaffirming the commitment of the Turkic States to multilateralism and constructive engagement in international platforms, and emphasizing the importance of institutional capacity-building, strategic foresight, and coordinated action in responding to emerging threats;

Appreciating the successful hosting of COP29 in Baku and the adoption of the Baku Finance Goal, and recognizing climate resilience and environmental cooperation as essential pillars of long-term peace and human security;

Underlining the importance of consultations on regional and international issues affecting the interests of the Turkic World within the OTS framework in order to form a consolidated position among Member States;

Emphasizing the urgency of coordinated action to address emerging threats to peace and security, including humanitarian crises, and recognizing the need for enhanced strategic foresight and joint initiatives;

Stressing the convening of the 12th Summit of the OTS in Gabala, Republic of Azerbaijan, under the theme “Regional Peace and Security,” as a timely opportunity to reaffirm collective commitments and chart a forward-looking path for the Turkic World;

Valuing the joint efforts of the Member States and Observers within the framework of the OTS to promote economic cooperation in the region via enhanced trade, tourism, transport, and investment initiatives;

Commending the valuable contributions of the Observers as an inseparable part of the Turkic World, to the work of the OTS;

Highlighting the role of the OTS in promoting inclusive dialogue, cultural exchange, youth, engagement and sports collaboration, and recognizing these efforts as vital to building trust and sustaining peace across generations;

Declared that they:

COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES

1. Express their unwavering commitment to enhancing solidarity, cooperation, and coordination among the Turkic States in all spheres, by harnessing their shared heritage and vast potential, which serve as the foundation for peace, stability, and prosperity in the region;

2. 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;

3. Express deep concern over the worsening catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza, call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian

access to 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, with the State of Palestine based on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital;

4. Reaffirm their support for the territorial integrity and unity of Syria, as well as for the security, stability and reconstruction of the country; underlining the crucial importance of rooting out terrorism in its all forms and manifestations in the country;

5. Emphasize the vital role of the stability of Afghanistan for the security and the prosperity of the OTS Members and **encourage** the Member States to strengthen their coordination on the matters related to Afghanistan, including through the OTS Working Group on Afghanistan;

6. Praise the signing of the Host Country Agreement for the UN Regional Centre on Sustainable Development Goals for Central Asia and Afghanistan in Almaty;

7. Welcome the outcomes of the Meeting of Heads of Government/Vice-President of the OTS convened on 18 September 2025 in Bishkek, aimed at promoting the economic, trade and investment cooperation within the OTS as reflected in Joint Statement and take note of the proposal of the Kyrgyz Republic for the continuation of such meetings;

8. Express appreciation for the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic in resolving state border issues and highlight the historic significance of the conclusion of the Treaty on the State Border between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan on 13 March 2025 in Bishkek; **underline** the importance of the Treaty between the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on determining the junction point of the state borders of the three states on 31 March 2025 in Khudjand for strengthening regional cooperation and ensuring security and stability in the region;

9. Encourage the Member States and Observers to intensify their cooperation and act in closer coordination in international platforms, with a view to consolidating and univocally expressing their positions on issues of common interest and concern, and to promote the visibility and influence of the Turkic World in global decision-making processes, and **invite** the Foreign Ministers of the OTS to convene on a more frequent basis, in light of the rapid pace of global and regional developments, with a view to allowing for comprehensive multilateral consultations;

10. Welcome the outcomes of the 4th Meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the OTS Member States held on 11-12 September 2025 in Bishkek, and reaffirm the importance of enhanced cooperation in regional security and stability, considering the escalating risks and challenges at both regional and global levels affecting the Turkic States;

11. Instruct the relevant authorities to continue convening regular political and security consultations on regional and international matters of mutual interest, in light of evolving geopolitical and security challenges, and to reinforce joint responses through a shared strategic vision;

12. Reiterate their commitment to strengthen cooperation to combat all forms and manifestations of terrorism, extremism, transnational organized crime and cyber security risks;

13. Call for expediting the consideration of the draft “Treaty on Strategic Partnership, Eternal Friendship and Brotherhood of Turkic States” which will reinforce the cooperation framework, demonstrating unity, and advancing joint initiatives;

14. Instruct the Secretariat to explore the ways of establishing Turkic Strategic Foresight Network, composed of leading think tanks and academic institutions of the Member States and Observers, to provide forward-looking analyses and policy recommendations on geopolitical, geoeconomic, environmental, and technological trends affecting the region;

15. Reaffirm their commitment to combat all forms of hatred against Islam and to harmonize efforts in international platforms to address this phenomenon;

16. Call for mutual efforts to establish a dedicated Consular Cooperation Platform within the OTS, aimed at facilitating consular services, protecting citizens abroad, and enhancing coordination among Member States;

17. Underline the importance of using the full potential and opportunities of the Turkic States in the political, economic, trade, transport, defence-industry, humanitarian, educational and cultural fields for further strengthening and deepening their strategic partnership and shaping a collective strategy of the OTS;

18. Support the outcomes of the inaugural Meeting of the Heads of Defence Industry Institutions of the OTS Member States, held on 23 July 2025 in Istanbul, and task the relevant authorities to intensify cooperation in this field, while welcoming the convening of the second meeting in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan in 2026;

19. Reaffirm the necessity to set more ambitious goals in view of potential of Turkic States in the global scope, put in force relevant mechanisms and regulations to effectively implement the OTS tasks and purposes for building sustainable future by enhancing joint efforts and undertaking regional projects of strategic importance;

20. Welcome the developments achieved since the initiative put forward by H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on increasing the staff and budget of the Secretariat of the OTS and authorise the CFM to approve the relevant Action Plan as soon as possible for its timely implementation to enhance the Organization’s effectiveness and operational capacity;

21. Commend the organization of the Issyk-Kul Electoral Forum, themed “Modern Approaches to Electoral Participation: From Theory to Practice,” held in Cholpon-Ata from 25 – 28 June 2025, and encourage the Advisory Platform of the Central Election Authorities of the OTS Member States (APCEA) to lead similar initiatives that promote dialogue and cooperation in the electoral field;

22. Underline the importance of the results of the 4th Meeting of the Prosecutors General of the OTS held on 25 September 2025 in Tashkent.

23. Appreciate the proposal of H.E. Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host the Informal Summit of the OTS in 2026 in Turkestan, a Spiritual Capital of the Turkic World;

ECONOMIC AND SECTORAL COOPERATION

24. Note with satisfaction the steady increase in regional trade volume among the Member States of the OTS, and welcome the launch of the negotiations on the *“Agreement on Services and Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development between the Governments of the Member States of the OTS”*, as an important stride towards expanding trade and economic cooperation and increasing capital investments across the region;

25. Appreciate the outcomes of the 1st Conference of Leading National Economic Analytical Centers of the OTS Member States held on 14 April 2025 in Tashkent;

26. Welcome the outcomes of the 2nd Meeting of the Competition Authorities of the OTS held on 29 April 2025 in Budapest, which made a valuable contribution to promoting cooperation in the field of competition law and policy enforcement;

27. Commend the activities of the OTS Trade Facilitation Committee, aimed at facilitating trade, custom and transport cooperation, ensuring freedom of transit, enhancing cooperation between border agencies and call for intensification of its work;

28. Welcome the 2nd Meeting of Ministers of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of the OTS to be held on 23-24 October 2025 in Baku, and encourage Member States and Observers to actively participate to strengthen cooperation in these fields;

29. Commend the successful organization of the 1st Meeting of the Council of Central (National) Banks of the OTS held on 27 May 2025 in Astana, and recognize its vital role in fostering financial stability and economic integration across the Turkic World, while supporting the expansion of its future activities;

30. Welcome the 1st Meeting of the Heads of Financial Intelligence Units of the OTS and the 2nd International Forum of Financial Intelligence Units of the OTS, held on 26 June 2025 in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic, and reaffirm the shared commitment to deepening cooperation against financial crimes and strengthening regional financial integrity;

31. Welcome the 1st Meeting of the Heads of Intellectual Property Institutions of the Member States of the OTS held on 20 August 2025 in Bishkek;

32. Welcome the outcomes of the 1st Meeting of the Turkic Green Finance Council held on 4 September 2025 in Astana, which marked a significant milestone in advancing financial cooperation and promoting sustainable investment among the Member States;

33. Commend the impactful work of the Turkic Academy and the Turkic Network of Official Economic Policy Research Centers (ERCNET), and encourage expanded research on the green economy, renewable energy sources, and their efficient and secure transportation across the region and beyond;

34. Commend the Meeting of the Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies of the Turkic World held on 12 June 2025 in Tashkent, welcome the establishment of the Turkic Investment Promotion Network (TurkIPAnet) within the OTS, and support its role in fostering collaboration to drive investment, innovation, and sustainable development throughout the Turkic region, and highlight the importance of convening the next Meeting of TurkIPAnet in one of the Turkic States in 2026;

35. Commend the institutional progress of the Turkic Investment Fund as the first joint financial institution advancing economic integration across the Turkic World; as well as express strong interest in the prompt and practical launch of the Fund and underscore its strategic potential to catalyze regional development and foreign investments;

36. Take note of the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to establish a unified “Investment Portal of the OTS” for the Member States of OTS, aimed at promoting the attraction of investments, enhancing their investment attractiveness, integrating modern information and communication technologies into the sphere of investment and business development, as well as simplifying investor access to key data and services, and welcome the launch of negotiations on this matter;

37. Reiterate their determination to jointly respond to natural disasters within the framework of the newly established Civil Protection Mechanism of the OTS;

38. Take note the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Joint Action Program (“Roadmap”) for Deepening Industrial Cooperation of the OTS Member States;

39. Acknowledge the signing of the Agreement on Strategic Partnership in the Field of Development and Transmission of Green Energy between the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, aimed at establishing the Central Asia–Azerbaijan Green Energy Corridor for exports to Europe, and encourage other Member States to explore participation in this initiative to strengthen regional energy connectivity;

40. Welcome the progress in the cooperation in the field of green electricity transmission and trade/project on green energy development and transmission between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Türkiye;

41. Underscore the importance of advancing sustainable development and environmental stewardship, in line with the Turkic Green Vision, through the adoption of green technologies, climate-resilient infrastructure, and responsible resource management;

42. Support efforts to deepen agricultural cooperation by promoting innovation-driven farming, facilitating trade and investment, and aligning sanitary and phytosanitary standards to improve food safety and cross-border market access;

43. Welcome the successful convening of the 4th Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture and the Turkic Business Agro Forum, held on 25-26 June 2025 in Cholpon-Ata, recognizing their important role in boosting cooperation, investment, and trade in agriculture across the region;

44. Promote collaborative research and innovation by facilitating joint scientific initiatives, supporting start-ups, nurturing entrepreneurship ecosystems, and

enhancing knowledge exchange among academic and technological institutions across the Turkic region;

45. Stress the importance of the cooperation in the field of artificial intelligence and promote the integration of AI, green and digital technologies, and smart manufacturing systems into industrial strategies of the Member States, with a view to enhancing productivity, sustainability, and regional competitiveness through coordinated innovation and capacity-building efforts;

46. Commend the activities of the Drought Prevention Institute of the OTS based in Hungary and note the importance of the implementation of the selected projects;

47. Highlight the significance of critical minerals for energy security and energy transition objectives and explore opportunities for potential cooperation;

48. Highlight the importance of the Turkic Green Vision for scaling up renewable energy and clean technologies, building climate-resilient infrastructure, enhancing energy efficiency, advancing Zero Waste approach, protecting natural resources and biodiversity, and strengthening regional cooperation to achieve a sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future;

49. Welcome the signing of the Baku Ministerial Declaration on the establishment of the OTS Partnership for Climate, Innovation, Green Economy and Trade, as well as the Joint Declaration on the Forum of Climate-Resilient Villages adopted at COP29, and instruct the relevant authorities and the OTS Secretariat to ensure their timely operationalization;

50. Emphasize the importance of the 2nd Meeting of Ministers on Environment, Climate, and Ecology of the OTS Member States, which will take place in April 2026 on the margins of the Regional Ecological Summit in Astana;

51. Acknowledge the strategic importance of sustainable urbanization in fostering inclusive, prosperous, and environmentally responsible communities, and welcome the decision of UN-Habitat to host the 13th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) in the Republic of Azerbaijan - the first-ever WUF in the OTS region - from 17 to 22 May 2026, under the theme “Housing the World: Safe and Resilient Cities and Communities”;

52. Encourage the signing of the Declaration on the Establishment of the OTS Forum of Sustainable Cities during WUF13 to strengthen cooperation in urban resilience and innovation;

53. Welcome the proposal of the Republic of Azerbaijan to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Urban and Spatial Planning and Sustainable Urban Development among the relevant authorities of the OTS Member States, with a view to promoting knowledge exchange, sustainable reconstruction, smart city solutions, and coordinated engagement in regional and global platforms;

54. Reaffirm the shared commitment to enhancing regional connectivity and transport infrastructure, with particular emphasis on the digital integration of the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor, and underline the importance of harmonized

transport regulations and modernized logistics systems to improve efficiency, resilience, and global competitiveness among Member States;

55. Welcome the agreement reached between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia on 8 August 2025 in Washington, D.C., regarding the opening of communications, which will enable unimpeded connectivity between the main territory of Azerbaijan and its Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic, unlocking the region's transit potential and contributing to peace, stability, and prosperity;

56. Express the support to the ongoing efforts by the Member States to operationalize and to develop the Zangazur Corridor, and reaffirm their commitment to use the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway to its maximum potential, and underline the importance of the Trans-Caspian International East-West Middle Corridor, China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railroad for strengthening interregional connectivity and diversifying trade routes between Europe and Asia;

57. Highly appreciate the successful organization of the Kyrgyz Information Technology Forum (KIT-2025), which took place on 29-30 May 2025 in Bishkek, as part of the initiative to declare Bishkek the "Digital Capital of the OTS" for 2025, and note its contribution to the development of digital cooperation and the innovative potential of the Turkic World;

58. Note with satisfaction the successful organization of the first regional startup competition, coordinated by the SilkRoad Innovation Hub in partnership with the OTS Secretariat and Member State technoparks, as a milestone in fostering entrepreneurial collaboration and digital innovation;

59. Call for the acceleration of the ongoing work on the adoption of the Concept Note of the Digital Turkic World;

60. Encourage accelerating the process of the manufacturing and launching of the 12U OTS-SAT Cube Satellite under the OTS flag, scheduled to be launched in 2026, as an important achievement gained through collective expertise and technological drive of the Member States;

61. Encourage the organization of Turkic World Space Days and related events under the OTS banner within the frameworks of World Space Week, the International Astronautical Congress, and other global platforms to promote visibility and cooperation in space sciences;

62. Recognize the tourism's unique role in fostering people-to-people contacts, cultural understanding, and shared identity, and encourage the expansion of tourism exchanges, development of cultural tourism programmes, and implementation of joint awareness-raising initiatives;

63. Reaffirm the importance of tourism as a driver of economic growth, sustainable development, and regional connectivity, and encourage Member States to pursue joint promotion in international markets through coordinated activities;

64. Emphasize the value of strengthening intraregional tourism by supporting each others' initiatives, fostering B2B cooperation, and advancing joint campaigns, exhibitions, and cultural programs that broaden visitor flows and build sustainable partnerships;

65. Recognize the "International Tourism Forum on Sustainable Tourism Development of the OTS Member States and Observers and a Seminar for experts from the OTS Member States and Observers" held on 15-16 September 2025 in Manas as a key initiative to boost regional tourism cooperation, cultural exchange, and sustainable development in the sector;

66. Highly value the contribution of the city of Manas for promoting the tourism potential of the Turkic region as the "Turkic World Tourism Capital - 2025" and welcome the designation of Ankara as the "Turkic World Tourism Capital - 2026", recognizing its historical, cultural, and touristic significance within the region;

67. Instruct the relevant national bodies to finalize preparations for the Joint Museum Card, aimed at enhancing access to cultural heritage sites, fostering mutual understanding, and strengthening the shared identity of the Turkic peoples;

68. Welcome the 1st Summit of the Union of Turkic Ski Resorts, held in Shahdagh on 12 July 2025 with the support of the OTS, and underscore the importance of enhancing cooperation in the field of winter tourism and promoting sustainable tourism development among the Member States;

69. Support ongoing efforts to consolidate the Union of Turkic Ski Resorts into a unified regional framework to promote integration and people-to-people ties, and call on the Ski Resorts of the Member States to actively participate in the Turkic Ski Cup 2026 at Uludağ Resort and the 2nd Summit of the Union at Shymbulak Mountain Resort;

70. Support the global initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic to host the 6th World Nomad Games in 2026 - a significant international step towards promoting, preserving, and popularizing the intangible cultural heritage of the world's peoples and encourage the participation of all Member States and Observers in this important international event;

71. Commend the Azerbaijan's proposal to strengthen collaboration among the Member States on Silk Road tourism development and the planned 2026 Turkic States Craft Festival in Sheki in joint collaboration with the International Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation;

72. Underscore the importance of expanding cultural tourism, engaging youth in tourism education, and promoting the Turkic World as a vibrant hub of shared travel experiences;

73. Take note of the initiative on the reorganization of the Orkhun Process, and call on the Ministers of Higher Education to consider the initiative during their next meeting in Astana;

74. Welcome the inaugural professional skills championship TurkicSkills-2025 by the cultural capital of the Turkic World Aktau city on 5-9 October 2025;

75. Take note of the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host Pedagogy Summit TurkEduBirlik of Turkic States in 2026;

76. Underline the importance of further advancing cooperation in the field of health under the umbrella of the OTS;

77. Commend the outstanding efforts of the Turkic Red Network in promoting regional partnership through strengthening cooperation among the Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies within the OTS framework;

78. Note with satisfaction the special meeting on OTS cybersecurity cooperation, which was held on 17 September 2025 in Almaty within the KazHackStan Cybersecurity Conference, that contributed to building trust, sharing best practices, ensuring cybersecurity and safeguard the digital economy of the Member States and Observers;

79. Appreciate the outcomes of the 11th Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the OTS, convened on 8 September 2025 in Turkestan, with the participation of representatives from Georgia, and emphasized the importance of advancing customs cooperation, digitalization, and modernization to facilitate trade and strengthen regional connectivity;

80. Welcome the outcomes of the 8th Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the OTS, convened on the margins of 7th Transport and Logistics Business Forum “New Silk Way” on 30 September 2025 in Almaty;

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE COOPERATION

81. Commend the efforts of relevant institutions of Member States and Observers in diaspora affairs to strengthen ties between Turkic States and their global communities, and urge enhanced coordination in line with the Turkic Speaking Diaspora Joint Activity Strategy, annual Turkic Diaspora Joint Action Plans, Turkic World Vision - 2040, and the OTS Strategy 2022 - 2026;

82. Welcome the 7th Meeting of the Heads of Diaspora institutions of the OTS Member States and Observers, to be hosted by Hungary in late 2025, and support the 2nd OTS internship program for diaspora officials be held in Baku in October 2025;

83. Commend the “Organization of Turkic States Diaspora Joint Scholarship Programs”, implemented within the framework of the Türkiye Scholarships Programme for establishing a comprehensive bond between the Turkic States and Turkic diaspora;

84. Emphasize the importance of the 3rd Diaspora Youth Forum of the OTS, held in Tashkent in June 2025, as a platform for strengthening ties among the youth of the Member States, promoting dialogue and mutual understanding, and enhancing their engagement in advancing the shared values and initiatives of the Organization;

85. Welcome the outcomes of the 6th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Muslim Religious Boards held on 10-11 September 2025 in Bishkek for developing the collaboration among the Boards based on spiritual, moral and cultural values of the Turkic World;

86. Commend the 2nd Cultural Forum of the Turkic World held on 27-28 April 2025 in Khiva, Uzbekistan and its contribution to fostering cultural integration among Turkic States. Underscore the Forum's role as a platform for cultural dialogue across the Turkic World and highlight the importance of convening the Third Forum in one of the Turkic States in 2027;

87. Reaffirm commitment to strengthening family institution, promoting cultural values among young generations, recognizing the appreciation for the role of older generations in transmitting cultural heritage, and supporting the participation of persons with disabilities in cultural and artistic expressions, and to strengthening cooperation, exchange, and joint initiatives in creative industries, including animation, gaming, film, fashion and related fields by harnessing diversity, innovation and talent as drivers of sustainable development, cultural dialogue and global competitiveness;

88. Appreciate the outcomes of the 4th Meeting of the Heads of Agencies responsible for the development of Human Resources of the OTS held on 18 July 2025 in Cholpon-Ata, and reaffirm commitment to advancing joint initiatives aimed at improving education and training, and skills development and human capital among the Member States;

89. Emphasize the importance of strengthening media and information cooperation to raise awareness of political, cultural, economic, and social developments in the Turkic States at both national and international levels;

90. Encourage Member States to explore the opportunity for the creation of dedicated "Turkic World" section on major news portals, tailored to national media frameworks, to ensure timely, accurate, and coordinated dissemination of content that promotes shared heritage and mutual understanding;

91. Commend the successful organization of the Shusha Global Media Forum 2025, themed "Digital Pathways: Strengthening Information and Media Resilience in the Age of AI" held under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, with participation from over 52 countries;

92. Take note of the initiative for the establishment of a Turkic World Higher Education Area and call on the Ministers of Education and relevant bodies to consider the said initiative;

93. Highlight the importance of further enhancing and institutionalizing 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;

94. Welcome and support the advanced various theme-based exchange programs to contribute to the youth's development and engagement, as well as joint sports collaborations and organizations through sports federations, and encourage members and observers to host mentioned activities;

95. Commend the completion of "Lankaran - Youth Capital of the Turkic World 2024" and welcome the designation of Almaty as the "Youth Capital of the Turkic World 2025";

96. Take note of the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host an International forum devoted to talented children of the Turkic States in 2026 for the purpose of developing youth potential;

97. Welcome the organization of the 1st Turkic States Sports Volunteers Forum held on 5 March 2025 in Gabala, the Republic of Azerbaijan as a platform for youth engagement and regional solidarity;

98. Commend the successful organization of the 3rd Turkic Universiade with the participation of the Member States of OTS held on 3-9 September 2025 in Cholpon-Ata, the Kyrgyz Republic;

99. Commend the joint submission of the draft resolution to the agenda of the 222nd UNESCO Executive Board on the proclamation of December 15 as the "World Turkic Language Family Day " at the 43rd UNESCO General Conference to be held in Samarkand;

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN THE TURKIC WORLD

100. Commend the activities of TURKPA, TURKSOY, Turkic Academy and Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation (TCHF);

101. Encourage the enhancement of cooperation among the Turkic Cooperation Organizations (TCOs) for the efficient implementation of the common Turkic cooperation agenda according to the annual Action Plan of the TCOs prepared by the Coordination Committee in consultation with the Member States;

102. Welcome the granting of Observer Status to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) at the Turkic Academy, as a step towards developing cultural and academic collaboration across the Turkic World;

103. Welcome the selection of the city of Aktau in Kazakhstan as the Cultural Capital of the Turkic World for 2025 and appreciate the cultural events realized in Aktau throughout 2025, which served for strengthening the cultural ties among peoples of the Turkic World;

104. Emphasize the necessity of launching the process on development and strengthening of TURKSOY;

105. Stress the importance of strengthening cooperation within the framework of TURKPA as the legislative pillar of Turkic cooperation, and highly appreciate the outcomes of the 14th Plenary Session of TURKPA held under the theme of "TURKTIME: the Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy" on 12 June 2025 in Astana;

106. Take note of the 1st Summit of Turkic Women Parliamentarians" organized with the participation of the various parliamentarians and scholars on 28-31 May 2025 in Lefkoşa;

107. Congratulate the 15th anniversary of the Turkic Academy, which has contributed to enhanced academic and scientific multilateral cooperation in the Turkic World;

108. Commend the dedicated efforts of the Turkic Academy in consolidating the academic community for the implementation of the History of Turkic Countries project, and urge the relevant institutions of the Member States and Observers to further cooperate with the Turkic Academy for the finalization of the project;

109. Call on the Turkic countries and the Turkic Cooperation Organizations to duly celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Baku Turkology Congress of 1926 and one of its landmark decisions – the adoption of a common Latin-based alphabet for the Turkic languages, a momentous milestone in the cultural history of the Turkic peoples;

110. Highlight the importance of expanding opportunities for cooperation in the name of preserving the cultural heritage of the Turkic World, and **welcome** TCHF's work on the multilingual Catalogue of Turkic Cultural Heritage, Collection of Turkic Folklore, as well as the Digital Platform for Turkic World Heritage, aligning with OTS strategic documents;

111. Commend TCHF's efforts celebrating Mahmud Kashgari's 950th anniversary of "Divan Lugat at-Turk" through an international conference that brought together representatives of the countries of the Turkic World for the first time at UNESCO, releasing a three-volume academic edition, and organizing a traveling exhibition in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, with plans for other Turkic countries;

112. Recognize the central role of the Turkic Investment Fund as a shared platform for promoting trade, investment and sustainable growth; welcome the progress made in its institutional development; and encourage its transition towards operational financing activities with the continued support of the Member States;

COOPERATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

113. Welcome the candidacies of the OTS Member States for international and regional organizations by providing necessary support, where possible;

114. Welcome the holding of the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference in Samarkand on 30 October - 13 November 2025 and express their readiness to participate in the event at the highest possible level;

115. Welcome the establishment of the "OTS+" format as a flexible framework of cooperation with external parties;

116. Note with satisfaction the growing interest from third countries and international organizations in developing cooperation with the OTS in the areas of mutual interests, and urge to enhance joint efforts to secure observer status for the OTS at the UN General Assembly and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

117. Instruct the Secretariat to develop institutional relations with international organizations including the League of Arab States and the African Union;

118. Call for the efficient coordination among the OTS Member States and Observers as well as the Turkic Cooperation Organisations in the realization of the "Turkic Week" planned to be held in Vienna in January 2026, which will further contribute to the international visibility to the Turkic World;

ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

119. Congratulate the Kyrgyz Republic for the successful Chairpersonship of the OTS in 2024-2025, and highly appreciate its great valuable contribution to the activities of the Organization;

120. Commend the work and activities of the Secretariat of the OTS since last Bishkek Summit, as referred by the Secretary General Kubanychbek Omuraliev in his report;

121. Decide to hold the 13th Summit of the OTS in the Republic of Türkiye and Informal Summit of the OTS in 2026 in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

The Heads of States express profound thanks to H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for steering the deliberations of the 12th Summit of the OTS to a successful conclusion and appreciate the warm hospitality of the government and people of Azerbaijan. They welcome the assumption of the Chairpersonship of the OTS by the Republic of Azerbaijan until the next Summit.

Signed on 7 October 2025 in Gabala, the Republic of Azerbaijan in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish and Uzbek languages.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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