

**PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION**  
**among the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of**  
**the Member States of the Cooperation Council of Turkic**  
**Speaking States**

Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (hereinafter referred to as "Turkic Council"), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Guided by the Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States dated 3 October 2009,

Taking into account the provisions of the Istanbul Declaration dated 16 September 2010, the Almaty Declaration dated 21 October 2011 and the Bishkek Declaration dated 23 August 2012,

Encouraged by existing bilateral cooperation and consultation channels as well as efforts towards institutionalisation and consolidation of such cooperation under the aegis of the Turkic Council:

Have agreed on the following:

***I. Consultations***

The Parties will hold:

1. Consultations at the level of Foreign Ministers and/or their Deputies on current issues of cooperation among Member States of the Turkic Council as well as international and regional issues.
2. Thematic consultations among relevant departments of the Parties on the following topics:
  - issues related with the Turkic Council;
  - other regional issues;



- cooperation within the UN framework as well as other regional and international organizations where Member States are party to;

- other issues of common interest.

3. Upon decision by the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Turkic Council, Working Groups may be formed on selected issues.

### *II. Personnel training*

4. Parties will cooperate in training of diplomatic personnel, terms and conditions being subject to mutual agreement.

5. Parties will consider the possibility of organizing the following events:

- Roundtables on issues of the role of Foreign Ministries in coordinating various formats of bilateral and multilateral cooperation;

- Seminars on protocol and consular issues;

- Seminars related to international security;

- Consultations on issues connected to personnel, management and leadership.

### *III. Information exchange*

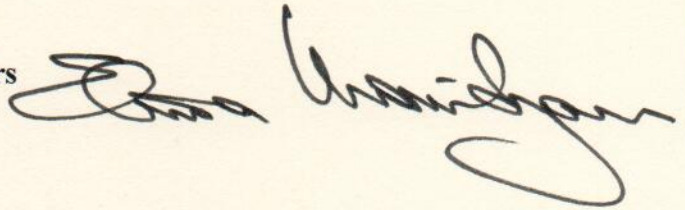
6. Parties will exchange publications that may be of interest to each other and the Secretariat.

7. Press and Information departments of the Parties will cooperate for promotion of the image of the Turkic Council on national and international arena.

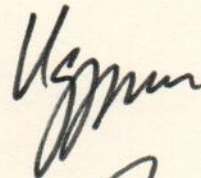
8. Parties will consider the possibility of collectively publishing the Diplomatic Herald of the Turkic Council in order to raise public awareness on the international affairs.

Signed at Gabala on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2013, in a single original copy in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of controversy English version shall prevail.

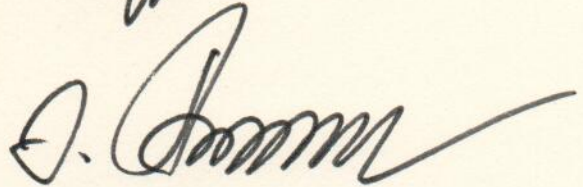
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