

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION AMONG OFFICIAL
FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH CENTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES**

In the framework of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council), the Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SAM Azerbaijan), the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies Under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (KazISS), the National Institute for Strategic Studies of the Kyrgyz Republic (NISS) and the Center for Strategic Research of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey (SAM Turkey), hereinafter referred to as the Participants,

referring to the provisions of the Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment of the Turkic Council signed on 3 October 2009 and the Declarations of the Summits of the Heads of State of the Turkic Council held on 21 October 2011 in Almaty, on 23 August 2012 in Bishkek, on 16 August 2013 in Gabala and on 5 June 2014 in Bodrum, respectively,

taking into account the relevant articles of the Protocol of Cooperation among the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Turkic Council signed on 15 August 2013 in Gabala,

reaffirming the Declaration by Institutes and Centers for Strategic Studies of the Members of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States signed on 20 April 2015 in Astana,

considering that the interaction among official foreign policy research centers of the Member States will further contribute to the integration process within the Turkic Council,

have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH I

The scope of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to create conditions for maintaining regular contacts and promoting cooperation among the Participants in the framework of the Turkic Council.

PARAGRAPH II

The Participants will give priority to cooperate in the areas of foreign policy, international law, foreign economic relations, global and regional security, development, globalization, regionalism and other relevant areas that are in the scope of activities of the Turkic Council.

PARAGRAPH III

The Participants will exchange among each other and with the Secretariat of the Turkic Council, their publications such as monographs, research papers, periodicals, other pertinent printed and electronically published materials on topics relevant to issues of mutual interest.

PARAGRAPH IV

The Participants will prepare joint publications, and conduct joint research and studies on global and regional issues of common concern.

PARAGRAPH V

The Participants will organize joint conferences, round-tables, symposia, panels, workshops, brain-storming sessions, seminars, training programmes and other related activities in close cooperation and coordination with the Secretariat of the Turkic Council.

Upon the approval of the Participants, activities may also be organized with the participation of third parties.

PARAGRAPH VI

The Participants and the Secretariat will exchange experts for participation in their individual activities relevant to the tasks of the Turkic Council.

PARAGRAPH VII

Each Participant will implement the provisions of this MoU in conformity with its national legislation.

PARAGRAPH VIII

The Present MoU will not constitute any legal rights and obligations for the Participants.

PARAGRAPH IX

The depository of the present MoU is the Secretariat of the Turkic Council.

PARAGRAPH X

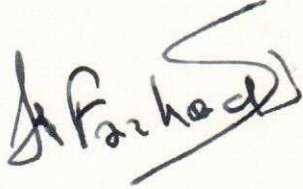
Any additions and amendments may be made to this MoU by mutual consent of the Participants. Such additions and amendments shall be made in a form of separate Protocols being an integral part of this Memorandum.

PARAGRAPH XI

The present MoU shall enter into force on the day of its signature and shall be valid for 3 (three) years renewable for consecutive 3 (three) year periods, unless there is an explicit notification to the contrary from one of the Participants to be conveyed to the other Participants through the Secretariat of the Turkic Council at least 90 days before expiry date of last period.

Signed in the city of Baku, on the 8th of May 2015, as one original copy in English.

**For Center for Strategic Studies
under the President of the Republic of
Azerbaijan**

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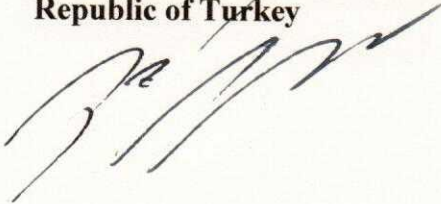
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