

**SPEECH OF SECRETARY GENERAL BAGHDAD AMREYEV AT THE
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES**

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Honorable Ministers,

Let me express my sincere appreciation to H.E. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye for his timely initiative as the Chairperson in Office of the Organization of Turkic States to discuss the latest developments and reiterate our support to our founding member state Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan is an extremely important and inseparable part of the Turkic world. Kazakh land is the motherland for all Turks and therefore the stability and prosperity of Kazakhstan is integral to the well-being of the rest of the Turkic world.

Today, Kazakhstan is facing the most critical time in its modern history in the result of violence and illegal actions of extremist powers in Almaty and other cities of Kazakhstan. The whole Kazakhstan was a target. The very independence of Kazakhstan and its sovereignty were target. This is why the leadership of this brotherly country, especially President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev was forced take the painful but understandable decisions to stop these destructive actions and force the necessary measures against those who crossed the red line of the order and law. That is why we should stand by the Kazakh authorities and extend our firm support to Kazakhstan's legitimate leadership.

In this spirit, as the Secretariat, since the first day we are following the developments and show every effort to ensure coordination among our Member and Observer States.

We have made a statement on behalf of our Member States and emphasized the importance attached to peace and stability in Kazakhstan and expressed strong solidarity with the country.

We also underlined our firm belief that with the wisdom and desire of the brotherly Kazakh people; Kazakh authorities will reestablish calm and order in the country.

Our Leaders and Foreign Ministers have also given this message directly in their contacts with their Kazakh counterparts. We attach utmost importance to this strengthened consultation mechanism among our members in regional matters as well as in issues that concern our countries and the Turkic world.

These latest developments in our brotherly founding member have once again proved the importance of enhancing security cooperation in the Turkic World, which is one of the main pillars of the Nakhchivan Agreement as well as the Turkic World Vision 2040 that was adopted by the 8th Summit of our Leaders.

Actually, this is not the first time when the Organization has been taking necessary actions to show the solidarity of the Turkic World and acting as a responsible and emerging actor of the international community especially in the last couple of years:

First of all, during Azerbaijan's 44 Days Patriotic War in Karabakh, the Organization has shown strong solidarity of the Member and Observer States with the Government and the brotherly people of Azerbaijan.

We also expressed solidarity with brotherly Kyrgyz people and government over the events following the parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2020 as well as the escalation of the situation on the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border in late April 2021.

As for regional issues, we have organized an Extraordinary CFM Meeting on the Afghanistan issue for the very first time with the aim to contribute to the peace and stability of the country and the region.

Esteemed Ministers,

As the Secretariat, we are ready to continue coordinating the efforts of our Member and Observer States.

In the Statement which you will adopt at the end of this meeting, we underlined the importance of the peace and stability in Kazakhstan and supported the counter-terrorist operations of the Government of Kazakhstan against those who aimed to torn the Constitutional order of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Statement also reflects the support for the reform agenda in Kazakhstan. Today we have listened a new encouraging and optimistic speech of President Tokayev before the Kazakh Parliament regarding what is going to be done in the upcoming period for further increasing the wellbeing and prosperity of the brotherly people of Kazakhstan. Our Member and Observer States stand ready to support the people and Government of Kazakhstan in these reforms as well.

Therefore, we stand ready to carry out your valuable guidance and urgent implementation of these tasks.

Before concluding my address, I convey our heartfelt condolences to the families that lost their relatives during the incidents and wish speedy recovery to the injured.

Inshallah Kazakhstan will come over these difficult days soon and continue its progress unabated.

Thank you.