

**SPEECH OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES, BAGHDAD  
AMREYEV AT THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUMMIT OF THE LEADERS**

**- Meeting of the Council of Heads of State (CHS) -  
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**Distinguished Heads of State and Prime Minister,  
Dear Ministers, esteemed members of the delegations,**

First of all, Dear leaders, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your strong support to the Turkic world and the Turkic Council.

Our family is growing and getting stronger. While we were 4 states 3 years ago, now we are 7 states. All independent, sovereign Turkic States were gathered under the umbrella of an organization.

Today, 7 Turkic leaders raised 7 flags of the 7 Turkic States together. This ceremony delivered a great and strong message of unity to the world and our own Turkic peoples. For the first time in history, the Turkic World is seen as a single entity, a single phenomenon, a single world. **An Integrated Turkic World.**

I would like to express my gratitude to President Erdoğan for providing the Organization of Turkic States this historical building as well as a great hospitality today.

At the same time, this opening ceremony coincides with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of the Turkic Republics. On this occasion, I would like to **congratulate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of the Turkic Republics** and wish a bright future to all our Member and Observer States and our peoples.

I congratulate the first anniversary of the great victory of Azerbaijan and the liberation of its lands. This victory created great excitement in the Turkic World.

### **Esteemed Heads of State and Prime Minister,**

We will take very important decisions at our Summit today.

1) We are changing the name of our organization as **“Organization of Turkic States”**. This is a historic decision. That will considerably strengthen the role of the Organization in the world.

2) We accept the **“2040-Turkic World Vision”** document that will shed light on the future of the Turkic World.

3) **Turkmenistan**, an integral part of the Turkic World, **joined the Turkic Council as an Observer Member**. This decision will strengthen the Turkic Council and improve the cooperation between the brotherly Turkic States.

4) Another important decision was the **establishment of the “Turkic Investment Fund”**. Take that the economic cooperation constitutes the basis of our cooperation under the umbrella of the Turkic Council.

5) As a clear illustration of the achievements of the Council and its increasing international prestige, more than 10

countries have applied to the Turkic Council to become an Observer Member or Partner.

The Regulation to be adopted today will **define our relationship with other countries.**

**Our respected leaders,**

In the last 2 months, we have held **14 Ministerial and nearly 50 working group meetings** in preparation for the Summit. In these meetings, we prepared the agenda items of the Summit.

For this purpose, our **Foreign Ministers came together in Istanbul to finalize the agenda of the Summit.**

**At the Economy meeting in Baku,** we agreed on establishing the Trade Facilitation mechanism and the signing of an FTA in the field of Services and Investment, and we also signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate e-commerce.

**With the Tourism Ministers meeting held in Kokand,** we declared Kokand, the ancient city of Uzbekistan, the tourism capital of the Turkic world. Implementation of the Tabarruk Ziyarat project, which includes visiting the holy places of the Turkic world.

**We held the Fifth General Assembly of the Union of Turkic Universities in Turkestan** together with our 40 university rectors. We decided to strengthen the Orkhun Exchange Program.

**With the Education Ministers meeting held in Istanbul,** we determined our new programs and projects in the field of secondary and higher education.

With the meeting we held **in Baku between our Media Ministers**, we worked on the establishment of the common information space and agreed on the fight against disinformation. The Media Forum held in Istanbul made a tremendous impact all over the world.

We brought our young entrepreneurs together by organizing the **Young Entrepreneurs Forum on the margin of the Youth and Sports ministers meeting held in Tashkent**.

We aim to reduce transit procedures with our digital TIR and ePermit projects, which we discussed at the **Transport ministers meeting held in Budapest**.

We have established a new platform for relevant institutions in the field of justice, through the cooperation processes we initiated between our **Chief Prosecutors in Baku and Justice Academies in Ankara**.

The city of **Bursa was declared as the “2022 Cultural Capital of the Turkic World”** at the Ministers of Culture meeting held in Khiva.

We have launched new cooperation processes with the **Energy Ministers and Agriculture** online meetings.

**Distinguished Presidents and Prime Minister,**

We are determined to continue our cooperation in a systematic way in the upcoming period as well. We prepared the **“2026-Strategy Document”** together with our Member States. The Strategy Document is an operational document containing concrete steps within the framework of the 2040 Vision.

**Dear Leaders,**

With the decisions taken today we will have determined the main direction of the unity of the Turkic world for our future generations.

I wish each of you good health and great success, Esteemed Presidents.

Thank you.