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The Turkic world is indispensable and significant part of the Eurasian region, as Turkic civilization has always been a center for the rapprochement of East and West, North and South. In spite of various historical challenges, Turkic nations have always tried to maintain ties with each other aspired by common ethnic and cultural origin. Thus, a beginning of the 90-ies of the last century can be assessed as a new era for the Turkic countries. Fraternal countries started to strengthen their relations as independent and sovereign subjects of the international community.

In the course of time, a rapid development of the relations between Turkic-speaking countries necessitated the establishment of organisations coordinating such a growing multifaceted cooperation. Therefore, our countries established a first ever parliamentary dimension of the Turkic world that brought together Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey.

On 21 November 2008, the heads of the four parliaments signed the Istanbul Declaration in one of the famous historical sites of Istanbul - Dolmabahche Palace. After this landmark event, the member countries have been striving towards economic, cultural and social cooperation based on substantial and practical mechanisms of cooperation. As we all know, a basis for successful cooperation processes is the shape of common regulatory frameworks for all countries involved, and TURKPA’s core mission notably lies in its legislative support for undertakings and initiatives of Turkic cooperation.

Since 2008, the Parliamentary Assembly has played a key role in developing and ensuring strong inter-parliamentary relations between member countries. The Parliamentary Assembly has become a new format of parliamentary dialogue covering a wide range of areas. It symbolises the close collaboration and
good working relationships among member parliaments.

Nowadays, TURKPA successfully develops cooperation in the legal, economic, socio-cultural and environmental fields. At its first stage, parliamentarians conducted rather an exchange of information as regards national legislation, regulations, practices and specific features in the state-building system of the member countries. This process enabled members of the Assembly to define precisely priority fields of cooperation within the TURKPA framework and set forth initiatives to reinforce relationships in this direction.

The cooperation between the Turkic countries in a number of areas has yet to reach its actual potential stemming also from their increasing role at regional and global levels.

At the background of ambiguous ongoing political and economic trends in the world, Turkic cooperation has the capability to contribute to sustainable peace and stability in the Eurasian region. Undoubtedly, shared values and principles of the member countries bolster a mutual confidence serving sincere and fruitful dialogue amongst our countries.

Besides, TURKPA attaches its utmost importance to shaping its identity on the international scene. Parliamentary diplomacy becomes today more instrumental since it represents a flexible mechanism of interaction. Parliamentarians, as people’s elected representatives, gain a credibility in addressing the most acute issues of the new global agenda. Parliamentarians of the Turkic-speaking countries come together to discuss prospects of accelerating trade turnover among their countries, modern challenges related to migration, environment, cyber-security, humanitarian cooperation, including education, science and technologies.

Marking its 10th anniversary in 2018, TURKPA seeks to enhance the development of cooperation under its aegis on the basis of a long-term vision and strategic approach. Consolidation of efforts of the member countries will boost their socio-economic development through promoting mutual investments, advancement in business activities, participation in trans-national energy and transport projects, spurring of research and innovations. It is worthy to note that revitalization of the Great Silk Road represents another importance for the Turkic states constituting an enormous part in this ancient transport route.

In the meantime, globalization processes, as a driving world trend, eventuate in more interconnectivity between all actors of multilateral platforms. In this regard, our member countries are aware of increasing visibility of the Assembly that implies enhancing cooperation within wider international fora. In spite of bringing together a particular group of countries, TURKPA does not exclusive approach. As such, it firmly intends to collaborate with leading international organizations, to build up a synergy and operational coherence also beyond the region. This aspect is exemplified by the repeated statements of the heads of our parliaments reaffirming their staunch support for further progress of parliamentary diplomacy as an efficient tool of cooperation in the numerous fields.

Undoubtedly, 10th anniversary is a turning point for our organization amid the latest regional and world developments that enjoin us to take concerted actions for the sake of prosperity, welfare and stability of our peoples. Turkic inter-parliamentary cooperation is a strength of solidarity, harmony and good will and upcoming years will be a next step towards achieving this vision.
Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic speaking countries (TURKPA) as parliamentary dimension of the Turkic cooperation was established on the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev declared during the Eighth Summit of the Heads of the Turkic speaking states held on 17 November 2006 in Antalya, Turkey.

“The main purpose to establish the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic speaking Countries was to create a unified mechanism as a parliamentary union, as well as to maintain conformity of political views, experience exchange and implementation of joint projects. In order to discuss common challenges and make decisions at a legislative level it was necessary to achieve unity of Turkic speaking states”.

The historical event for the Turkic world was signing of the Istanbul Agreement on establishment of TURKPA by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Muhambet Kopeyev, Former Vice Chairman of Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Aytibay Tagayev, Former Chairman of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and Mr. Köksal Toptan, Former

Thus, Parliaments of the Turkic-speaking countries leaning on historical, cultural and a linguistic community, with a view of the closest interaction in rapprochement of national legislations and other questions, concerning inter-parliamentary activity, established the TURKPA as an advisory body in order to develop and strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation.

The Istanbul Agreement defined the main goals and tasks, as well as structure and working principles of TURKPA.

According to this TURKPA selected as its primary goals the *assistance in development of political dialogue between the countries by means of parliamentary diplomacy as the qualitatively new stage of inter-parliamentary cooperation, harmonization of the legislations and strengthening mutual activities with regard to other issues relating to the parliamentary cooperation on the basis of historical, cultural, and language unity, assistance in development of solidarity of mutually advantageous and equal cooperation between the Turkic speaking nations and countries of other regions, recommendations on approximation of legislations of the countries, including legislation on preservation and transfer to the future generations of cultural heritage of Turkic World, assistance in development of political, socio-economic, cultural, humanitarian, legal, and other relations among the parties.*
REMARKABLE STATEMENTS of the Heads of Member States
H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

"Kazakhstan attaches particular importance to strengthening of mutually beneficial cooperation between the Turkic peoples, the revival of common spiritual values. The Turkic world is a golden bridge connecting our cultural heritage, we have common roots, history, language and culture. We must use this heritage for constructive purposes. The Turkic Council, TURKSOY, the Turkic Academy, and TURKPA create opportunities for further close rapprochement of the fraternal Turkic peoples."

H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

"Turkic speaking countries cooperate both in bilateral and multilateral formats and within the UN, OIC and other international organizations, and strive to strengthen their mutual activity. If one of the Turkic speaking state is not represented in any international organization, the other one supports its stance and demonstrates solidarity with it. Our nations have common history and roots and Azerbaijan will continue to contribute to the bringing Turkic-speaking countries closer together, as well as to their support for each other."
H.E. Mr. Sooronbay Zheenbekov  
President of the Kyrgyz Republic

“Kyrgyzstan attaches great importance to the development and strengthening of friendly relations with Turkic-speaking states on the basis of mutually beneficial cooperation. TURKPA, for a relatively short period, has become an important dialogue platform for the inter-parliamentary cooperation between our states. TURKPA has a great potential and international interest to it is constantly growing.”

H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan  
President of the Republic of Turkey

“Development of bilateral and multilateral relations with the Turkic speaking states since gaining of their independence has always been the priority of our foreign policy. In this framework, in 1992 our country initiated the process of Summits of the Heads of Turkic speaking countries. If evaluate the activities carried out by the Turkic Council and the International Turkic Academy, as well as by TURKSOY and TURKPA, we can say that we have realized an important stage in the institutionalization of the Turkic world.”
JUBILEE CONGRATULATIONS
of the Heads of Member Parliaments
Türkdilli Ölkərənin Parlament Assambleyasının yaradılmasıının 10 iliyi münasibəti ilə dost və qardaş xalqlarımızı uraşdən təbrik edirəm!

Türkdilli xalqların yaradıcılıq enerjisinin birleşdirilməsində nəsənən əməkdaşlıq hamraylıyyinin yaradılması ideyası türk dünüyasının müəssəkkir insanlarını hamışa düşündürməşdir. Tarixi proseslərin gədişi da göstərir ki, ortaq kökən böyük xalqlarımızın dil, aşıqda və amal birliyi xalqlarımızın yaradılmasına zamanı tələb edir. Bu baxımından deyə bilərm ki, 10 il öncə İstanbul şəhərində Türkçə Xalq Məclisinin Parlament Assambleyasının təməlinin qoyulması xalqlarımızın müasir tarixinin ön öndən havadılaraşdırır.


Türk birliyi ideyasının qərəçəkləşmasının ham hökumətlər, ham da parlamentlər səviyyəsində dəstək xətminin türdəli xalqların müəssəkkilik bir qüvvə kimi formal yazımasında mühüm rol oynayır. Müntəzəm olaraq türdəli əlkərənin dövlətlə və hökumət başçiliklərinin görüşləri keçirilir. Xalqlarımızın mədəni irsinin qələnmasına və inkışafı ilə məşgul olan TÜRKSOY təşkilatı xarabalırdır. Türkçə Xalq Məclisinin Əməkdaşlıq Şurası faaliyyət göstərir.


Getdikcə daha müəssəkkilik qüvvəyə çevrilən Türkçə Xalq Məclisinin Parlament Assambleyasını bu gün dünənə nüfuzu regional qurumların köncəridir. Indiyanın Türkçə Xalq Məclisinin Parlament Assambleyasının öz qarşısında dayanan bütün vəziyyəltər uğurla yerinə yetirilmişdir. Şəxənim ki, hamışa bela olacaq və Assambleya xalqlarımızın ümumdünya problemlərinin həll etməyin şəxaralı vəsətələrindən birina çevriləcəkdir.

Hörmətərək,

O.ƏSƏDOV

Azərbaycan Respublikasının Milli Məclisin  Sədri cənab Oqtay Əsədovun
TÜRKPA-nın 10 illik yubilee yəni münasibətətə təbriki
Құрметті әріптестер!
Құмбатты достар!
Қазақстан Республикасы Парламенті Мәжілісі депутаттарының атынан және жеке вә атынан Тұркпілдес елдер Парламенттік Ассамблеясының құрылғанына 10 жыл толуымен шын жұрекпен құттықтаймын!
Қазақстан Республикасының Президенті Нұрсұлтан Әбишұлы Назарбаевтың бастамасымен құрылған Парламенттік Ассамблея бүгінде орнықты даму денгейіне шықты.
Қазақстан тұрғы әлемінің мемлекеттерімен арадағы қатынастарды Тұркпілдес елдердің Парламенттік Ассамблеясы әңбектерінде жан-жақты дамытып, тереңдегі ерекше на- зар аударып келеді.
ТҰРКПА халықаралық үйым ретінде вә құрылымының жетілдіріп және халықаралық қоғамдастық тарапынан танылған әтырың, қалыпта- су кезеніңен нәтижелі өтті.
Мемлекеттер басшыларының алысты бол- жанған сақтауы сақтасы арқасында ТҰРКПА елдері сақсы, экономикалық және елеуметтік ре- формалар жұрғізуде зор табыстырға жетті.
ТҰРКПА-ның құрылымы, ерине, біздің мемлекеттерімізің заң шығару органдары арасын- дағы ынтымақтастықты дамытуға да жаңа серпін берді.
Ассамблеяға мүше мемлекеттер парла- менттері тұркпілдес елдердің экономикалық және мәдени-гуманитарлық ықпалдастығын нығайту және орта үлесін үлес қосып келеді.
Біздің елдерімізің тәмірі бір, тарихымыз бен мәдениетіміз ортақ.
Біздің елдеріміз парламенттерінің взара іс-құмырлы алаңды ұқытта да тұркпілдес мемлекеттердің барлық багыттары бойын- ша ынтымақтастығын артықра тусетінің сенімім мол.
Баршанызды 10 жылдық мерейтоймен құ- тықтай отырып, біздің Парламенттік Ассамблея қызметінің зор табыс тілеймін!
Ізге нысап, 

Нұрлан НЫҒМАТУЛИН
Урматтуу Түрк тилдуу өлкөлөрүндү
Парламенттик Ассамблеясынын мучлору!
Кымбаттуу боордоштор!
Урматтуу окурмандар!
Кыргыз Республикасынын Жогорку Кеңешинин жана жеке вакымдан атымдан турк тилдуу өлкөлөрүндү Парламенттик Ассамблеясынын 10 жылдык маракеси менен чын дилмүнүн куттуктайым!
Бул мезгил аралыгында Түрк тилдуу өлкөлөрүндү Парламенттик Ассамблеясы (ТУРКПА) тили, дини жана тарыхы бир элдердин Парламентеринин ортосунда ар тараптуу алаканы бекемдөө жаатында алгылыштуу иштерди алып барууда.
Албетте ар бир ийгиликтин артында чоң жумуш турары талашсыз. Атап айтсак ТУРКПА 10 жыл аралыгында жан үрөп эмгеңтенүү менен Түрк тилдуу өлкөлөрүндү ортосунда болгон саясий, экономикалык жана маданияттарашыкты онуктурууга вэзүнүн жигердүү салымын коошп жатат.
Акыркы мезгилде ТУРКПА эл аралык мейкиндикке вэзүнүн орчуунду суунуу пикирлери менен чыгып, дуйнөдүгү бир катар эл аралык жана Парламенттик уюмдар менен алақа кыпкан тузгөнө жетишти. Мындай кадам менен ТУРКПА абройлугу эл аралык уюмдардын катарын тоо кутады деп айтмам жанылышыпайм.
Келечекте уюмбүз мүчө өлкөлөрүндү мыйыздарынын жасындаштыруу менен элдерин бириктирип байланышын чындоо вэзүнүн алгылыштуу иштири алыш барат деп ишенем.
Ассамблеянын алдындалыш ишмердигине жана жетишкендиктерди кадалоо менен баарды-гынзарды Парламенттик аралык уюмбүз-дүн 10 жылдык маракеси менен дагы бир жолу куттуктайым!

Ак ниеттен,
Д. ДЖУМАБЕКОВ

Кыргыз Республикасынын
Жогорку Кеңешинин
Төрагасы, ТУРКПАнын
мөөнөттөгү Төрагасы
Дастанбек Джумабековдун
ТУРКПАнын 10 жылдыгына
карата куттуктоо сөзү

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Türk dili konuşan ülkelerin tarihi hasretlerinin, istikbale dair ümit ve ideallerinin bir tezahürü olan TÜRKPA’nın kuruluşunun 10’uncu yılını kutluyorum.

Azerbaycan, Kırgızistan, Kazakistan ve Türkiye’nin ortak tarih, kültür, dil ve inanç birliğinin teşkilatlanmış hali olan TÜRKPA, günümüz itibaryyla alakalariımız arasında yürütülen parlamentor diplomasi faaliyetleri konusunda önemli bir ihtiyaçça cevap vermektedir.

Anadolu ve Asya Türk Devletlerini aynı çatı altında buluturan TÜRKPA, kuruluğunu yıldan itibaren yürütüğü çalışmalarla uluslararası diplomasinin önemli teşkilatlarından biri olma yolunda güçlü bir yer edinmiştir.

Türk Keneşi, TÜRKSOY gibiجيبcoğrafyamızın sınırlarda kalan Türk Dili Konuşan Ülkeler Parlamenterler Asamblesi, bugüne kadar yaptığı çalışmalarla rıştınıı ispat etmiştir.

Ülkelerimiz arasında yardımlaşma, dayanışma ve tecrübe paylaşımı bağılamda eştimden sağlığa, türizmden ticarete kadar hemen her alanda çalışanlar yürütten TÜRKPA, ülkelerimiz ve halklarımız arasında kültürel uyum konusundaki engellerin aşılmasına da önemli bir görev yapmaktadır.

Bakü’den Bishkek’e, Astana’dan Ankara’ya kadar uzanan geniş coğrafyamızda ortak çıkarlarınımıza hizmet etmek, ortak umutlarınızı canlı tutup, uluslararası rekabet güçümüzü artırmak gıyasıyle oluşturduğumuz büyük birliğimize yakın gelecekte ortak özellerrimiz taşıdıktınız diğer ülke ve akraba toplulukların da katılması temel arzumuzdur.

TÜRKPA’ya yakın ve uzak gelecekte de önemli ve büyük görevler düşecektir.

Bugüne kadar edindiğiniz tecrübeler gelecekte da ha başarlı çalışmalar yapacağına olan inanımızı pekiştirmiştir.

Bu çerçevede TÜRKPA’ya verdiğiimiz destek ar- tarak devam edecektir.

Binali YILDIRIM
I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency on the 10th anniversary of Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-Speaking Countries (TURKPA).

TURKPA as an institution of parliamentary diplomacy played significant role in development of political dialogue between the Turkic-speaking countries through parliamentary diplomacy as a new stage of inter-parliamentary cooperation.

The Turkic Council attaches great importance to the parliamentary diplomacy and highly values our coordinated activities in fostering cooperative relations among Turkic Speaking States.

Best regards,

Baghdad AMREYEV
Türk Dünyası’nın geniş coğrafyasında yaşayan halklarımız arasındaki entegrasyonun sağlanması amacıyla faaliyet gösteren önemli kuruluşlarımızdan TÜRKPAA, kuruluşu 2008 yılından bu yana üye ülkeler parlamentosalar arasındaki işbirliğini en üst düzeye taştırarak, Türk Cumhuriyetleri arasındaki kardeşlik bağlantısını daha da kuvvetlendirmektedir.

TÜRKPAA tarafından yürütülen çalışmalar, ülkelerimizin arasında siyasi, iktisadi ve insani entegrasyonu hızlandırarak,yasama organları vasıtasıyla devlet kurumlarınız arasında hukuki zemindeki iş birliklerinin kolaylaştırılması ve halklarınız arasında yakınlaşmanın sağlanmasına önemli katkı sağlamaktadır.

Bu yıl 10. kuruluş yılıönümünü kutlayan TÜRKPAA Türk dili konuşan halklar arasında ebediyete kadar sürecek kardeşlik bağlantısını daha da kuvvetlendirecek girişimlerin kaynağı olacağina inanıyoruz. Türksoy ailesi ve şahsim adına TÜRKPAA’nın 10. yılını en içten dileklerimle kutlar, Türk Dünyası’nın refahı, bütünlüğü ve geleceği için yapacağızınız çalışmalarla başarılı dilerim.

Saygılarımla,

Düsen KASEİNOV

Genel Sekreter
Dear Brothers!

Today, the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking countries (TURKPA), initiated at the 8th summit of heads of fraternal countries by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the architect of the Turkic World Integration, Nursultan Nazarbayev, have reached its important historical milestone and have become a fundamental institutional structure.

TURKPA has a great contribution to the development of cooperation and prosperity of Turkic people in the new era. The work of this organization in strengthening inter-parliamentary ties, one of the most important areas of integration processes, has always been highly appreciated.

It is obvious that strengthening of interaction between the legislative bodies, exchange of experience, and coincidence of views on many issues have a profound impact on deepening of cooperation among peoples.

Moreover, the inter-parliamentary ties form the legal basis of political, economic, cultural and humanitarian cooperation of Turkic speaking states. We believe that ten years of TURKPA’s work will serve for centuries as the source of initiatives aimed at strengthening brotherly relations.

It is worth noting that the International Turkic Academy (TWESCO) has officially established partnership with TURKPA and signed a memorandum of cooperation almost five years ago. Over this time, our organizations have been supporting each other in many activities and constantly expanding partnerships.

Dear Colleagues!

Congratulations to TURKPA! Let the unity of the Turkic world become stronger and more productive!

Best regards,

Darkhan KYDYRALI

INTERNATIONAL TURKIC ACADEMY
PRESIDENT
The Turkic-speaking states and peoples are bound together by their common historical roots, culture, heritage and language. They share epic poems, literature, music, art, handicrafts, traditions and moral values. In fact, this common heritage reflects their similar history, lifestyle and spiritual world. Establishment of international organizations was necessary to reinforce the existing strong ties between Turkic-speaking nations, and to enforce their cooperation. One of these organisations is TURKPA, supporting a constructive, consensus-based inter-parliamentary dialogue between the member states, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

Since its establishment, TURKPA contributed to the development of political relations among the national parliaments of the Turkic-speaking countries. I am very delighted that International Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation and TURKPA have mutually cooperated on various joint events over this period of time. For example, the Foundation, together with the TURKPA, organized a conference dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the independence of the Turkic-speaking States in Baku on 24 November 2016. Following this event, the inaugural exhibition reflecting the different unique features and values of the Turkic World was hosted at the Milli Majlis (Azerbaijani Parliament) building for the first time in its history.

I am confident that our strong relations in the coming years will deepen, expand, rise and contribute to the promotion of Turkic World on the international level. As Azerbaijani Democratic Republic celebrates its 100th anniversary this year - the first parliamentary republic in the Muslim East unifying the Turkic World, I believe in 90 years TURKPA will be celebrating its 100th anniversary as the first organisation unifying the parliaments of the Turkic-speaking countries.

On behalf of the International Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation, I would like to express greetings and my very best wishes for continued success of TURKPA.

Gunay AFANDIYeva

PRESIDENT
It gives me particular pleasure to congratulate You on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and its international Secretariat with the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic Speaking Countries on 20 November 2008.

For all the past years of our mutual fruitful cooperation we had been participating in each other’s meetings discussing many interesting and topical issues of the regional parliamentary cooperation.

I wish all the success in your present and future undertakings at this important stage for the TURKPA in achieving the goals of the Organization for the benefit of the peoples in the region.

I would like to state my confidence that the cooperation between our Assemblies remains fruitful and constructive.

Thank you for your most valuable cooperation.

Asaf HAJIYEV
Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Council Secretariat of the interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States may I congratulate you on the 10th anniversary of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries.

I would like to note the important work of your organization on shaping the mechanism of inter-parliamentary relations, which certainly facilitates convergence of political views, as well as search for solutions to a wide range of issues in the interests of the TURKPA member nations.

Our organizations tackle similar tasks related to harmonization of laws, development of interaction between parliaments, improvement of the instruments of parliamentary diplomacy. A number of the IPA CIS member nations are also the members of the TURKPA, which allows us to rely on future active interaction.

May I once again congratulate the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries on the anniversary and wish every success in its work. I am looking forward to further development of cooperation in the areas of common interest.

Yury OSIPOV
TURKPA AS AN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION

tasks and objectives
The Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries (TURKPA) was established as a result of a long-term cooperation among the Turkic-speaking Countries that started in 1992 when the First Summit of the Heads of Turkic Speaking States was held.

TURKPA as an inter-parliamentary organization selected as its main goals assistance in development of political dialogue between the countries by means of parliamentary diplomacy as the qualitatively new stage of inter-parliamentary cooperation, as well as harmonization of the legislations and strengthening mutual activities relating to the parliamentary cooperation.

TURKPA consists of the parliamentary delegations of its member countries and each member country is represented in the Assembly by nine delegates. The Assembly holds a plenary session once a year and supreme body is the Council of Assembly composed of the chairs of the member parliaments. The TURKPA Chairmanship is held for a period of one year by a member country in alphabetical order. The Chairman of the Assembly is the Speaker of the parliament of a member country hosting the plenary session. The Chairman of Assembly performs duties through presiding over the meetings of the Council of Assembly and plenary sessions. Decisions of the Assembly are taken based on consensus implying that no objection is rendered by any party.

Tasks and objectives of TURKPA:
- wider exchange of parliamentary experience and share of best practices among the member countries;
- possible harmonization of legislation of the member countries in priority fields of cooperation;
- fundamental study of cultural heritage and values of history, art and literature of the Turkic world;
- promotion of effective regional cooperation in the fields of education, science, technology and environmental protection;
- facilitation of interaction of mass media in order to provide wider information flows among the member countries;
- creation of favourable conditions for trade and investment;
- promotion of joint regional economic projects, especially in the field of energy and transport;
- discussion of political issues on the basis of mutual interest.

Organization seeks to facilitate inter-parliamentary dialogue among Turkic-speaking countries, to generate new ideas and suggestions and to have a proper legislation for their implementation.

TURKPA being contributed to the further development of dialogue among the countries bounded by common ethnic, cultural and historical ties, create favorable condition for elaboration and implementation of different initiatives having the purpose of maintaining regional and global security by means of parliamentary diplomacy.

TURKPA has a great potential and takes its place in the international arena as a successful international parliamentary institution in the field of parliamentary diplomacy.
PLENARY SESSIONS
Chairman of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Ural Mukhamedzhanov, Chairman of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Aitibay Tagayev, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, parliamentarians from member-countries and heads of the administrations participated in the session.

The discussions on Regulations of the Assembly, Statute of the Secretariat, as well as election of the Secretary General and his deputies were carried out. Participants expressed their opinions on the agenda and made proposals. At the end of the discussions the Regulations of the Assembly, Statute of the Secretariat and annual budget were adopted. Decisions on permanent location of the Secretariat in Baku and on holding plenary sessions in time and place, determined in accordance with the Regulations, were taken.

The Secretary General and his deputies were elected at the session. Mr. Ramil Hasanov was elected to the position of the Secretary General of the organization.

At the end of the session the participants adopted Baku Declaration.
The Plenary Session was devoted to the 20th anniversary of independence of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, having adopted important decisions.

The Plenary Session was attended by the delegation headed by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, delegation headed by Mr. Ural Mukhamedzhanov, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan and Mr. Kayrat Mami, Chairman of Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, delegation headed by Mr. Ahmetbek Keldibekov, Chairman of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan, delegation headed by Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, Chairman of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

The meetings of the TURKPA Council and second Plenary Session were held on 27 and 28 April 2011 accordingly. TURKPA Chairmanship was handed over from the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Mazhilis of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the meeting of the Council of Assembly on 27 April 2011.

The ceremony of signing the special Protocol on the amendments and changes to the Istanbul Agreement, as the basic TURKPA establishing document, was solemnly held on 27 April 2011 in Astana. The special Protocol on the amendments and changes to the Istanbul Agreement was signed by Mr. Ogtay Asadov on behalf of the Parliament of Azerbaijan, by Mr. Ural Mukhamed-
zhanov on behalf of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, by Mr. Ahmetbek Keldibekov on behalf of the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan and by Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin on behalf of the Parliament of Turkey.

Following the amendments and changes to the Istanbul Agreement, English has become the official language of TURKPA, as one of the UN official languages, number of members of delegations of member countries has been increased from 7 to 9 and the Chairman of Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan was included as a member of the TURKPA Council.

During the meetings of TURKPA Council and Plenary Session the 2010 progress report of Secretary General was endorsed by the Assembly, 2011-2012 draft budget was presented, information on activities of the TURKPA International Observers Missions on the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan, as well as on the extraordinary presidential elections in Kazakhstan, were heard, official flag and emblem of TURKPA were adopted, application of the PUIC on granting an observer status in TURKPA was taken into consideration and approved by the Assembly.

The Assembly conducted election of the representative of the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan for the position of TURKPA Deputy Secretary General.

At the same time, significant amendments and changes have been made to the TURKPA Rules of Procedure and Regulations that was an essential step for the structure of our organization in advancing international standards.

In accordance with adopted amendments to the TURKPA Rules of Procedure, TURKPA
four permanent commissions have been established. Chairmen of the newly established Permanent Commissions on Economic, Trade and Financial Issues, on Legal Issues, on International Relations, as well as on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs, were elected at the Plenary Session.

Activities and competences of the permanent commissions have been determined in conformity with new Rules of Procedure.

The special provision on the activities of the TURKPA International Observers Mission in non-member countries and, in case of necessity, observation of elections jointly with other international organizations, has been added to the TURKPA Rules of Procedure.

With the view of facilitating activities of the Permanent Commissions the position of Secretaries of Permanent Commissions was set up, determining their functions and competences in accordance with adopted amendments and changes to the TURKPA Regulations.

Provisions on defining the status of TURKPA Secretary General, Deputy Secretaries General and Secretaries of Commission, as an international officer, also have been introduced to the TURKPA Regulations.

At the end of the Plenary Session Astana Declaration - final document of the Second Plenary Session of TURKPA was adopted.
The Plenary Session was attended by delegation headed by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, delegation headed by Mr. Nurlan Nigmatulin, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, delegation headed by Mr. Asylbek Jeenbekov, Chairman of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan and delegation headed by Mr. Cemil Çiçek, Chairman of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

At the third meeting of the Council of Assembly held on 14 June 2012, TURKPA Chairmanship was handed over from the
Mazhilis of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic. During the meeting the agenda of the meeting of Assembly Council, financial report and report on 2011 activities of the Secretariat presented by the Secretary General were adopted, secretaries of TURKPA permanent commissions were elected. Mr. Emin Hasanov (Azerbaijan), Mr. Marat Askarov (Kazakhstan) and Mr. Dastan Urmanbe- tov (Kyrgyzstan) were elected as the Secretaries of Commissions on International Relations, on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs and on Economic, Trade and Financial Affairs, respectively.

On 15 June 2012, during the third Plenary Session reports and recommendations of the first meetings of four permanent commissions were adopted. At the same time vice-chairs of the abovementioned permanent commissions were elected. Statements of TURKPA International Observers Missions on presidential and parliamentary elections held in Turkey, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan were heard. 2013 budget of the TURKPA Secretariat was adopted by the Plenary Session.

At the end of the Plenary Session Bishkek Declaration – final document of the Third Plenary Session was adopted by the participants.
The Plenary Session was dedicated to the 5th anniversary of TURKPA.

The Plenary Session was attended by the delegation headed by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, delegation headed by Mr. Nurlan Nigmatulin, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, delegation headed by Mr. Asylbek Jeenbekov, Chairman of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan, delegation headed by Mr. Cemil Çiçek, Chairman of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

TURKPA Chairmanship was handed over from the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey.
The Assembly elected Mr. Jandos Asanov, representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as TURKPA Secretary General and Mr. Fuad Alakbarov, Mr. Altynbek Mamausupov and Mr. Kurşad Melih Sanarslan were elected as Deputy Secretaries General of TURKPA.

2014 budget of the TURKPA International Secretariat were adopted by the Assembly.

Reports and recommendations of the second meetings of four permanent commissions were adopted.

Ankara Declaration – final document of the Fourth Plenary Session was adopted by the Assembly.
The Plenary Session was attended by the delegation headed by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, delegation headed by Mr. Kabibulla Jakupov, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, delegation headed by Mr. Asylbek Jeenbekov, Chairman of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and delegation headed by Mr. Cemil Çiçek, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

The meeting of the Council of Assembly preceded the Plenary Session, while TURKPA Chairmanship was handed over from the Grand National Assembly of Turkey to Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The main topic of the Session was “Content of the TURKPA activities”. The speakers made speeches on the issue of increasing TURKPA’s efficiency in the light of further institutional development of the Assembly. The Assembly adopted decision on restructuring TURKPA permanent commissions and set up the Commission on International relations and legal affairs, Commission on Economic cooperation, Commission on social, cultural and humanitarian affairs and Commission on environment and natural resources. The agenda of the Fifth Plenary Session included also adoption of reports and recommendations of the last meetings of the TURKPA permanent commissions, report of the TURKPA international observers’ mission on presidential elections in Azerbaijan and adoption of the TURKPA’s budget for the year of 2015.

The delegation of the Hungarian Parliament
headed by Sandor Lezsak, Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly, attended the Fifth Plenary Session and upon decision of the Council of Assembly Hungarian Parliament was granted an observer status in TURKPA.

The Plenary Session ended with adoption of Baku Declaration – final document of the Fifth Plenary Session.
The Plenary Session was attended by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Kabibulla Jakupov, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Asylbek Jeenbekov, Chairman of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Ahmet Aydin, Vice Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and delegation headed by Ms. Marta Matrai Vice Chair of the Hungarian National Assembly in capacity of the observer in TURKPA.

The Plenary Session was preceded by the meeting of the
Council of Assembly held on 3 December with participation of the chairs of the parliaments of four member countries. During the Council’s meeting, TURKPA Chairmanship was handed over from the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

The Council’s meeting was marked also by the presentation of TURKPA medals of merit. Chairman of Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan Mr. Kabibulla Jakupov, Chairman of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan Mr. Asylbek Jeenbekov and Chairman of the Grand National Assembly Mr. İsmet Kahraman were awarded the medals for their contribution to strengthening cooperation among the peoples of the Turkic-speaking countries.

The agenda of the Sixth Plenary Session included the annual activity report of TURKPA, election of chairs and vice-chairs of the permanent commissions, adoption of reports and recommendations of the commissions, as well as reports of the TURKPA international observers missions on presidential and parliamentary elections in the member countries.

The Session ended with adoption of Astana Declaration – final document of the Sixth Plenary Session.
The meeting was attended by the delegation headed by Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, delegation headed by Ms. Gulmira Isimbayeva, Vice-Chair of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, delegation headed by Mr. Dastanbek Dzhumabekov, Chairman of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, delegation headed by Mr. İsmail Kahraman, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, as well as delegation headed by Istvan Jakab, Vice-Chair of Hungarian National Assembly in capacity of observer in TURKPA, parliamentary delegation of Uzbekistan headed by Mr. Nariman Umarov, Vice-speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis as an honored guest. The delegation from Uzbekistan took part in the TURKPA Plenary Session for the first time.

The main topic of the meeting was “Transparency in Parliaments: New Technologies in Decision Making”.

The Plenary Session was preceded by the meeting of the Council of Assembly with participation of the chairs of the parliaments of four member countries. During the Council’s meeting, TURKPA Chairmanship was handed over from Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan to the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyz Republic.

Mr. Altynbek Mamaiusupov, representative of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic was elected as the Secretary General of TURKPA at the Plenary Session. The candidacies of Mr. Fuad Alakbarov (Azerbaijan), Mr. Nauryz Aidarov (Kazakhstan) and Mr. Ali Yıldız (Turkey) as Deputy Secretaries General, as well as Chairs and Vice-chairs of TURKPA commissions were approved. Mr. Emin Hasanov, Ms. Saida Armina and Mr. Kanatbek Kurmanbekov were elected as the Secretaries of Commissions on Environment and Natural Resources, on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs and on Economic Cooperation, respectively.

The Session ended with adoption of Ala-Archa Declaration – final document of the Seventh Plenary Session.
INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ASSEMBLY
8 October 2018, Antalya

BILATERAL MEETINGS

Third Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries’ Parliaments
Work of the TURKPA COMMISSIONS
Initially, the Assembly established the following commissions:

1. Commission on International Relations
2. Commission on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs
3. Commission on Economic, Trade and Financial Affairs
4. Commission on Legal Affairs

The commissions consider the issues within their competences, ensure the execution of the decisions adopted by the Council of Assembly and during Plenary Session, assess documentation and examine proposals submitted to the commissions, adopt draft reports, recommendations and decisions to be presented at the Plenary Sessions.

**RESTRUCTURE OF TURKPA COMMISSIONS**

During the Fifth TURKPA Plenary Session Commission on International Relations merged with the Commission on Legal Affairs and a new TURKPA Commission on Legal Affairs and International Relations was created. And now, any issue relating to international relations is being dealt within the framework of the new commission.

Also a new TURKPA Commission on Environment and Natural Resources was established.

Name of the TURKPA Commission on Economic, Trade and Financial Affairs was changed to Commission on Economic Cooperation.

**Four current TURKPA Commissions:**

1. Commission on Legal Affairs and International Relations
2. Commission on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs
3. Commission on Economic Cooperation
4. Commission on Environment and Natural Resources
The first meeting of the Commission was held in Baku on November 3, 2011. At the meeting, Chairman of the Commission Mr. Ahliman Amiraslanov presented the report on “Basic aspects and prospects of TURKPA’s international cooperation”. The work done in this field, established relationships with international organizations, and planned measures for expansion of future cooperation were reflected in the Report. Recommendations on the basic aspects and prospects of TURKPA’s international cooperation were also discussed at the meeting.

The need to strengthen the propaganda of TURKPA was stressed at the meeting and there was expressed confidence in the expansion of the composition of the organization in the future. The report and recommendations adopted at the meeting were approved at the Third Plenary Session of TURKPA held on 14-15 June 2012, in Bishkek.

The second meeting of the Commission was held in Astana on 11-12 December in 2012. Commission was chaired by Member of the Parliament of Turkey, Deputy Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Ulker Guzel. Commission touched upon the topic on “The role of TURKPA, Turkic Council and TURKSOY in developing relationships among Turkic-speaking states”.

The report and recommendations on the issue were discussed and adopted at the meeting. Adopted documents were approved at the Fourth Plenary Session of TURKPA held on 10-11 June 2013, in Ankara.

The third meeting of the Commission took place on 15 April 2014 in Bishkek. The main item of the meetings’ agenda was the “Interaction of Turkic-speaking states within the framework of international organizations”. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ahliman
Amiraslanov, Chairman of the Commission and member of the Parliament of Azerbaijan.

During the meeting discussions were made among parliamentarians on the formation of new mechanisms in the development of relations of member countries in international arena, as well as among Turkic-speaking countries. Report and recommendations addressing parliaments and governments of the four member countries were adopted. Documents were approved at the Fifth Plenary Session held on 12-13 June 2014 in Baku.

**Chairman of Commission**

Mr. Ahliman AMIRASLANOV  
_Elected in 2011_

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The first meeting of the Commission was held on 25 November 2011 in Astana and chaired by Mr. Garifolla Yesim, Chairman of the Commission and Member of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan. The main topic of the agenda was "The new stage of the mutual ties of Turkic-speaking peoples in the social, cultural and humanitarian field".

At the Commission gathering Mr. G.Yesim proposed the programme “Bilge Korkut” and made a speech on the theme "Issues relating to the implementation of the Bilge Korkut programme", explained the content of the programme and shared his views as regards the ways of implementing the programme.

This programme aimed at bolstering cooperation in the field of culture, science, technology stipulates the following: those with bachelor degree to educate for the master's degree at the Turkic Academy (Kazakhstan), leading universities of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan.

The second meeting of the Commission was held in Ankara on 5 April 2013. The Commission meeting was chaired by the Chairman Mr. Garifolla Yesim. The main topic of the gathering was “The main issues of creating common Turkic terminology”.

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS
Deputy Chairman of the Languages Committee of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr. Kurmanbay Sherubayuly made a speech on the theme related to the creation of common Turkic terms bank.

At the meeting the participants discussed the matters around “The main issues of creating common Turkic terminology” and exchanged views.

The third meeting of the Commission was held on 15 April 2014 in Bishkek. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Urmat Amanbayeva, member of Jogorku Kenesh, Deputy Chairperson of the Commission. The topic of the meeting was “The Day of Turkic language”.

Commission members emphasized the need to prepare qualified interpreters from one Turkic language into another; to introduce at the relevant universities a discipline on translation techniques as well as to prepare variety of dictionaries and language learning educational materials.

On the eve of the Commission meeting there was a gathering of experts aimed at identifying the prospects of cooperation among the member-countries in the fields of education, science and culture.

The fourth meeting of the Commission was held on 2 December 2014 in Baku. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission, member of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mrs. Sevinj Huseinova. The main agenda item was “Increasing of information flow among the TURKPA member-states”.

Mr. Aldan Smayl, member of the Commission, while speaking noted that the proposal of the Leader of Kazakhstan on strengthening the mass media in the Turkic-speaking states came at the right time and in order to achieve that goal there was a need to prepare more and more qualified interpreters with professional knowledge of Turkic languages.

On the results of the work of the meeting a report titled “Increasing of information flow among the TURKPA member-states” was discussed and relevant recommendations to the parliaments and governments of the member-countries was adopted.

The fifth meeting of the Commission took place on 24 May 2016 in Astana. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sadyk Sher-Niyaz, Chairman of the Commission and member of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and
attended by the parliamentarians of the member countries. The main item of the meeting’s agenda was “Cooperation between the member countries in disaster management and crisis management issues”. Relevant report and recommendation on the matter has been presented by Mr. Mustafa Bozkurt, member of the Parliament of Turkey.

The parliamentarians discussed the issue of interaction amongst the member countries on prevention of natural disasters and recovery, measures taken at national level on mitigation of emergencies’ consequences and necessity to get on track an exchange of experience and sharing best practices among the countries.

Members of the Commission were also informed of the national policies of Kazakhstan on the issue presented by Mr. Vladimir Bekker, chair of the committee for emergency situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan.

The meeting has ended with presentation of the Kyrgyz historic film “Kurmanjan Datka” by the Chairman Mr. Sadyk Sher-Niyaz, as film director.

The sixth meeting of the Commission took place on 14 September 2018 in Bishkek and was chaired by Mr. Sadyk Sher-Niyaz, Chairman of the Commission and member of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting of the Commission was preceded by opening ceremony of Days of Turkic Cinema as well as by the workshop of experts, representatives of ministries of culture, filmmakers, representatives of National Film Studios, animators and cinema analysts.

The main item of the meeting’s agenda was dedicated to the topic “Cinema and Animation as Parts of Turkic Cultural Heritage in Turkic-speaking countries: Legislation and Practice Aspects”.

The parliamentarians of the member countries touched upon the cinematography and animation in Turkic speaking countries’ information space, as well as national policy related to the subject and forwarded a number of proposals regarding harmonization of national and multilateral legislation in this sphere. At the same time, the parliamentarians discussed a working plan on the Commission’s future activities and made recommendations regarding the legislative work in the field of cinema and animation.

Delegations from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Turkey, as well as repre-
sentatives of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey, Ministry of Culture of Kyrgyzstan, National Cinema Studios, Diplomatic Corps, experts and other institutions participated in the meeting.

Report and recommendation on the matter was approved by the Commission to be adopted at the Eighth Plenary Session.

**WORKSHOP TITLED “CINEMA AND ANIMATION IN TURKIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES”**

On 14 September 2018, Workshop titled “Cinema and Animation in Turkic-speaking Countries” (legislation and expert opinions) was held in Bishkek in the framework of the Sixth meeting of the TURKPA Commission on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs.

The Workshop gathered experts, representatives of ministries of culture, filmmakers, representatives of National Film Studios, animators and cinema analysts from the member countries. Participants exchanged views on the matter and conducted discussions on the future cooperation in the framework of such meetings.

**DAYS OF TURKIC CINEMA**

Days of Turkic Cinema took place in Bishkek on 13-15 September 2018, in the framework of the Sixth meeting of the TURKPA Commission on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs.
The event aiming exchange of experience and share of practice among member countries in the field of cinema and animation, was attended by parliamentarians from the member countries, filmmakers, animators, representatives of national film studios and diplomatic corps.

Member of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs Mr. Sadyk Sher-Niyaz made an opening speech at the ceremony.

Films were screened at Manas Cinema in Bishkek. The programme of the event included: Azerbaijani film “Kyzyl bakcha” (Red garden), Kazakh film “Oralman” (“Оралман”), Kyrgyz film “Tunku kyrskyk” (“Түңкү кырсык” (Night accident)), Turkish film – “Buuday” (Wheat) and “Aila”.

Chairmen of Commission

Mr. Garifolla YESIM
Elected in 2011

Mr. Kurmanbek DIYKANBAYEV
Elected in 2014

Mr. Sadyk SHER-NIYAZ
Elected in 2015

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First meeting of the TURKPA Commission on Legal Affairs was held on 19-21 December 2011 in Ankara. The report and proposals on “Functions and duties of the National Parliaments of TURKPA in the constitutional system and role of the parliamentarians” were discussed during the meeting.

Members of the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey and staff members of the TURKPA Secretariat participated in the meeting headed by Mr. Haluk İpek, Chairman of the Commission, member of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey.

Proposals, after their approval by the Commission, was presented for adoption in the third plenary session of TURKPA that was held in Bishkek in 2012. Then the said documents were sent to the parliaments of member countries, as recommendations, with the view of drafting new legislation in this field.

Second meeting of the Commission was held on 4-7 November 2012 in Baku. The report and recommendations on “Rules of procedures of TURKPA national parliaments and the position of the members of the parliament” and “Cooperation on legislative issues between TURKPA member countries” were discussed during the meeting.

Members of the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey and staff members of the TURKPA Secretariat participated at the meeting headed by Mr. Haluk İpek, Chairman of the Commission, member of the Parliament of the Republic of Turkey. Participating at the meeting TURKPA Secretary General Mr. Ramil Hasanov informed the members of commission on activities of the TURKPA Secretariat. At the same time members of commission met with Mr. Ziyafat Asgarov, First Vice-speaker of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Recommendations, after their approval by the Commission, were presented for adoption to the fourth plenary session of TURKPA held in Turkey in 2013. Then the said documents we-
re sent to the parliaments of member countries with the view of drafting new legislation in this field.

The third meeting of the Commission took place on 28 April 2014 in Astana. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Nurlan Abdirov, Vice-Chairman of the Commission and member of Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan. Members of the Commission touched upon the issue of developing TURKPA’s legal framework and discussed possibilities to further revise and improve the main statutory documents of the Assembly. In this context, Commission’s meeting was preceded by the consultations of experts from the member countries in order to conduct exchange of views and deliberations on the issue. Commission adopted a recommendation to the upcoming Fifth Plenary Session of TURKPA to instruct Secretariat to prepare comprehensive report on the issue.

Alongside, participants discussed the issue of restructuring TURKPA permanent commissions and members of the Commission approved recommendation on restructuring commissions that will be considered by the Assembly at the Fifth Plenary Session in June.

The main item of the meeting’s agenda was the “Activities of the TURKPA member countries on legislative harmonization” and relevant report and recommendation were approved by the Commission.

The fourth meeting of the Commission took place on 29 April 2015 in Bishkek and was chaired by Mr. Haluk Ipek, Chairman of the Commission and member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

Delegations from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey participated in the meeting. Report and recommendation on the “Election systems in the member countries and activities of the Assembly in this direction” were included in the meeting’s agenda.

Mr. Ipek noted that TURKPA had started its election observation activities since 2010 and various elections in the member countries were observed and relevant reports published so far. Stressing the importance of discussing by the Commission the activities on election observation, Mr. Ipek noted that this meeting would contribute to the improvement of the national electoral legislation, exchange of experience and best practices, as well as development of
cooperation among the higher election institutions of the member countries.

The fifth meeting of the Commission took place on 17 May 2016 in Ankara. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Haluk İpek, Chairman of the Commission and member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

Members of the parliaments and experts from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey participated in the meeting. The meeting’s agenda included the report and recommendation on “Combating Cybercrime: Development of the Legal Framework and Cooperation Among Member States”, as well as discussions of the TURKPA financial documents, regulations of the TURKPA Medal for Merit and conclusions of the Second Workshop on harmonization of legislation held on 18 March 2016 in Ankara. Commission’s meeting was preceded by the meeting of national experts in order to discuss items of the Commission’s agenda. The experts reviewed also a model law on tourism prepared and presented by the experts from the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan in accordance with concluding report of the Second Workshop on harmonization of legislation.

The parliamentarians touched upon cybercrime issues and related challenges faced by the countries. As the result of the meeting, report and recommendation on cybercrime were approved, which was presented to the Seventh Plenary Session of the Assembly in December 2017 in Kyrgyzstan.

The sixth meeting of the Commission took place on 31 October 2018 in Baku and attended by the parliamentarians and experts from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey. The main item of the meeting’s agenda was “Developing a joint Position on the Anti-Terrorism Legislation of the Member States of TURKPA”.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. İsmet Uçma, Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Legal Affairs and International Relations and member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. Emphasizing the need for participation in international treaties on combating terrorism, the participants exchanged views on cooperation in the fight against terrorism and conducted discussions on mutual legal assistance on the matter.

The Commission approved report and recommendations on the matter to be submitted to the Eighth Plenary Session of TURKPA that will take place on 20-21 November 2018 in Turkey.
SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMISSION ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Special meeting of the TURKPA Commission on Legal Affairs and International Relations was held in Amasya, Turkey on 11-12 May 2017 and it considered the issues that are on the agenda of next plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly to be held in the coming months in Bishkek. The gathering was chaired by Mr. Haluk İpek, Chairman of the Commission, member of Grand National Assembly of Turkey from Amasya district, Chairman of Turkey-Kazakhstan Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Delegations led by Ms. Sadagat Valiyeva, member of Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, Senator Serik Aqylbay from Kazakhstan and Mr. Baktybek Rayimkulov, member of Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Ekrem Erdem, member of Grand National Assembly of Turkey as well as the staff-members of the TURKPA Secretariat led by the Secretary General participated in the gathering.

WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMISSION

On 18 March 2014, an experts workshop titled “Harmonization of national legislation of the member countries in the TURKPA framework” was held in Istanbul under the auspices of the Turkish Chairmanship in TURKPA and with the support of the Union of Municipalities of the Turkic World, as well as the Istanbul University.

During the workshop held at the premises of the Istanbul University TURKPA Secretary General J.Asanov, Vice Rector of the Istan-
Bul University M.Ak, Director of the Institute of Eurasian Researches of the Istanbul University B. Gunay, Deputy Dean and Professor of Law F. Gedikli, Secretary General of the Union of Municipalities of the Turkic World M. Basurt, as well as other dignitaries spoke of the need to accumulate experts potential in order to improve a legislative basis for the TURKPA member countries growing interaction.

The seminar adopted a list of recommendations to the TURKPA parliaments. The gathering was attended by high ranked dignitaries and officers of the administrations of the TURKPA parliaments.

On 18 March 2016, the Grand National Assembly of Turkey hosted the 2nd workshop on harmonization of national legislation of the member countries on the common legislative issues in protection and development of cultural property within the activities of TURKPA.

Experts from the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey conducted deliberations and exchange of views on the common Turkic history, culture and language and emphasized the importance of developing and protection of the common Turkic cultural property within the modern legislation.

Chairmen of Commission

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Elected on 28 April, 2011

Mr. Haluk İPEK  
Elected in 2011. Re-elected in 2014 and 2017

Mr. İsmet UÇMA  
Elected on 24 July, 2018 at the Plenary Session of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, following the Parliamentary Election in Turkey.

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The first meeting of the TURKPA Commission on Economic, Trade and Financial Affairs was held on 27-28 October 2011 in Bishkek. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kojobek Ryspayev, member of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, in his capacity of Chairman of the Commission. Delegations from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey took part in the meeting.

The meeting of the Commission discussed “Perspectives of Economic and Trade Cooperation between the Turkic-speaking Countries” as the main item of agenda and emphasized the necessity of practical cooperation among businessmen of the member countries and proposed to establish sectoral dialogue on economic issues.

The second meeting of the Commission took place on 5 April 2013 in Ankara. Mr. Sadik Yakut, Deputy Chairman of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey participated and made a welcome speech at the opening of the meeting.

During the course of the meeting of Commission, report and recommendation on “Improving the investment climate in the TURKPA member countries” were unanimously adopted and presented for plenary session of TURKPA. Members of the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey, and staff members of the TURKPA Secretariat participated at the meeting chaired by Mr. Kojobek Ryspayev. At the same time, members of commission made speeches and exchanged views.

The third meeting of the Commission took place on 11 February 2014 in Baku. The main item of the meeting’s agenda was the “Role of transport communications in economic cooperation among Turkic speaking countries”.

The meeting was preceded by the consultations of transport experts from the member countries, where representatives of the relevant ministries and specialized parliamentary committees, as well as representative of the
TRACECA Inter-Governmental Commission came together to exchange views on basic aspects of transport cooperation among Turkic states. National experts also made their comments and remarks to the report and recommendation to be adopted at the Commission's meeting. At the initial stage such a gathering facilitated the setup of contacts among experts from the member countries in order to further carry out more coordinated activities on exchange of up-to-date information in the transport field. At the Commission meeting the parliamentarians conducted fruitful deliberations on the subject.

Commission adopted the report and recommendation on the main subject reflecting current necessary objectives and tasks to develop cooperation in the field of transport.

The fourth meeting of the Commission was held on 10 November 2014 in Astana. The main item of the meeting's agenda was “Cooperation in developing energy sector among Turkic-speaking countries”. Parliamentarians of the member countries conducted deliberations on the issue of enhancing cooperation among Turkic-speaking countries in the field of energy.

At the meeting, the report on “Cooperation in developing the energy sector” was discussed and the recommendation addressing parliaments and governments of the four countries was approved.

The Commission made emphasis on the need to develop alternative and renewable
sources of energy. In this regard, members of the Commission emphasized that President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbaev, foreseeing trends in the energy field, put forward the initiative of holding EXPO-2017 in Astana under the main theme “Energy Sources of the Future”.

In the meeting’s framework, members of the Commission met with the Management Board of JSC “Astana EXPO-2017” and top management of the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan.

The fifth meeting of the Commission took place on 7 December 2017 in Bishkek within the framework of the Seventh Plenary Session of TURKPA. The main item of the agenda of the meeting was “Diversification of economy in the member countries”.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Salaidin Aidarov, member of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, who was elected as the Vice – Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Economic Cooperation during the 7th Plenary Session held on 8 December 2017.

Parliamentarians from the member countries took part in the meeting. Mr. Salaidin Aidarov presented report and recommendation on diversification of economy in TURKPA member countries.

Members of the Commission stressed that many developing countries in the world are seeking to achieve economic diversification. In addition, there was an exchange of views on the need for political will, effective state policy and large financial resources to pursue successful economy.

The sixth meeting of the Commission took place on 27-28 September 2018 in Ankara and attended by the parliamentarians from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkey. The main item of the meeting’s agenda was “Prospects for innovative entrepreneurship in the TURKPA member countries”.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Berik Ospanov, Chairman of the Commission and member of Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In his speech, Mr. Ospanov stressed the need for the rapprochement of the national regulatory framework of the member countries in the fields of economy, taxation, science and education through defining priorities on developing innovations in small and medium-sized enterprises and elaborating relevant recommendations within the TURKPA’s framework. Besides, parliamentarians conduc-
ted discussions on the prospects of cooperation between the member countries in the field of innovative entrepreneurship.

The Commission approved report and recommendations on the matter to be submitted to the Eighth Plenary Session of TURKPA that will take place in November 2018 in Turkey.

**WORKSHOP ON TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

Workshop on Technology Policy was held on 28 September 2018 in Ankara in the framework of the sixth meeting of TURKPA Commission on Economic Cooperation.

The workshop gathered parliamentarians and experts from those Turkish enterprises developing innovative policies in their activities. The participants discussed prospects of cooperation in science and technology fields.
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Chairmen of Commission

Mr. Kozhobek RYSPAYEV
Elected in 2011

Mr. Serikzhan KANAYEV
Elected in 2014

Mr. Berik OSPANOV
Elected in 2017
The first meeting of the Commission hosted by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey took place on 2 April 2015 in Ankara and led by Mr. Ahliman Amiraslanov, Chairman of the Commission and member of the Azerbaijani Parliament. The main item of the meeting’s agenda was dedicated to the “Combating against desertification in the Turkic speaking countries”.

The parliamentarians of the member countries touched upon the desertification issues existing in Turkic speaking countries, as well as national policy related to the subject and forwarded a number of proposals. At the same time, the parliamentarians discussed a working plan on the Commission’s future activities. During relevant deliberations, members of the Commission emphasized the necessity of identifying cooperation priorities in the field of environment within the TURKPA framework. The participants drew the attention to the necessity of joint action and demonstration of common approach to the issues dealing with solution of environmental problems and improving living standards of people.

At the same time, significance of implementation and development of specific projects in this field was noted by the delegations. Delegations from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Turkey, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Turkey, Ministry of Forest and Water affairs of Turkey, Turkic Council, Turkish World Association of Engineers and Architects, Union of Turkic World Municipalities and other institutions participated in the meeting. Report and recommendations on the matter were approved by the Commission which were adopted at the Sixth Plenary Session held in 2-3 December 2015 in Kazakhstan.
The second meeting of the Commission took place on 24 November 2016 in Baku. Participants of the meeting discussed “Global Climate Change: causes and consequences for the TURKPA member countries” as the main item of the meeting’s agenda. Parliamentarians from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey, as well as representatives of Turkic cooperation institutions and relevant ministries took part in the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ahliman Amiraszlanov, Chairman of the Commission and member of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan. During the meeting parliamentarians informed about measures taken at the national level in combating climate change in the member countries and exchanged views on prospects of joint activities in this field. Members of the Commission were also informed of the national policies of Azerbaijan in the field of environmental protection by Mr. Firdovsi Aliyev, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan.

The Commission approved report and recommendation on the matter which were submitted to the Seventh Plenary Session of TURKPA. At the same time concluding report of the Workshop on combating desertification in Turkic-speaking countries was adopted by the Commission.

The third meeting of the Commission took place on 22 June 2017 in Astana. Main item of agenda of the third meeting was “Development of alternative energy sources in member countries”. The meeting was dedicated to the EXPO-2017 Astana International Specialized Exhibition which was devoted to the development of renewable energy sources. Parliamentarians from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey, representatives of re-


levant ministries as well as representatives of Turkic cooperation institutions took part in the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Ahliman Amiraslanov, Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Environment and Natural Resources and member of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan. At his opening speech Mr Amiraslanov stressed the importance of the EXPO-2017 International Specialized Exhibition. He mentioned that holding such an important event in Astana highlighted the successes of the Republic of Kazakhstan in its development.

Parliamentarians also discussed potential and opportunities in all TURKPA member countries regarding the main item of the agenda and stressed that all this issues must be realized under control in order to avoid undesirable results.

The Commission approved report and recommendation on the matter to be submitted to the Seventh Plenary Session of TURKPA.

The fourth meeting of the Commission took place on 14 September 2018 in Bishkek and attended by the parliamentarians from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey. The main item of the meeting’s agenda was “Effects of Spread of Genetically Modified Organisms”.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Ahliman Amiraslanov, Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Environment and Natural Resources and member of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan. At his opening speech, Mr Amiraslanov stressed the importance of the workshop on “Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs): Legislation and Practices” that was held on 16 April 2018 in Istanbul, where experts from participating countries gave detailed information about the issue and the work done in this field at the national level.

Parliamentarians discussed potential for cooperation between the member countries on GMO and stressed the necessity for enhancing control mechanisms over such sensitive issues.
The Commission approved report and recommendations presented accordingly by Mr. Recep Sheker, Deputy Chairman of the Commission and member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, and Ahliman Amiraslanov, Chairman of the Commission, as well as conclusions of the Istanbul workshop presented by Mr. Emin Hasanov, Secretary of the Commission.

WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMISSION

Workshop on “combating desertification in Turkic-speaking countries”

The Workshop was held on 7 April 2016 in Konya with the support the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT) and the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA). The main aim of the workshop was to raise awareness among TURKPA member countries on combating desertification and it was organized in accordance with the Working Plan adopted at the first meeting of the TURKPA Commission on Environment and Natural Resources on 2 April 2015.

The workshop was attended by experts from the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs and Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey, Konya Selcuk University and Konya Research Institute for Soil, Water and Combating Desertification.

Presentations and discussions on the current situation of the TURKPA member countries regarding desertification, as well speeches on combating desertification in the TURKPA member countries, combating desertification activities on agricultural lands and improvement legislation on these issues were made in the workshop.

Workshop’s participants visited Konya Research Institute for Soil, Water and Combating
Desertification where they were informed on Research Institute and the Selcuk University Agronomy Department’s activities, as well as on measures taken against desertification.

During the visit each participant planted trees in the specially allocated area for participants of the meeting.

**Workshop on Legislation and Implementation on Waste Management and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)**

The Workshop was organized on 16-18 April 2018, in Istanbul with the support of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

The main aim of the workshop was to strengthen cooperation among member countries in the relevant fields, as well as to contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals for the period 2015-2030.

Official opening ceremony of the workshop was addressed by the Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Environment and Natural Resources, member of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ahliman Amiraslanov, Deputy Chairman of the TURKPA Commission on Environment and Natural Resources, member of the GNAT Mr. Feyzullah Kiyiklik, member of the Jögorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic Ms. Irina Karamushkina and TURKPA Secretary General Mr. Altynbek Mamaiusupov.

The workshop consisted of two sessions headed by Mr. Ahliman Amiraslanov and Mr. Feyzullah Kiyiklik and devoted to the legislation and implementation on GMO and waste management. During the sessions experts from the member countries and representatives of the relevant ministries and agencies of Turkey made presentations and conducted dis-
Discussions on the current situation on GMO and waste management in TURKPA member countries. The experts gave information on legislation, institutional framework and international collaboration aspects in these fields.

On 17 April 2018, as a practical part of the programme, participants visited Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ) facilities, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Ataköy Advanced Biological Wastewater Treatment Plant and İBB Istanbul Environmental Management Company (İSTAÇ) facilities. During these visits participants were informed on the measures taken on strategies, objectives, actions, monitoring and control processes required within the scope of the legislation and principles of sustainability from the generation of waste to final disposal (prevention, reuse, recovery, recycling and disposal).

Chairmen of Commission

Mr. Ahliman AMIRASLANOV
Elected in 2014. Re-elected in 2017

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SECRETARIAT AS THE TURKPA permanent working body
The administrative building of the TURKPA Secretariat was opened on 22 December 2016 in Baku with participations of Mr. Ogtay Asadov, Chairman of the Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan, Mr. Nurlan Nigmatulin, Chairman of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, Mr. Chynybay Tursunbekov, Chairman of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan and Mr. İsmail Kahraman, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

The administrative building of TurkPA is located at the intersection of A. Rajabli and S. Akhundov streets of the Binagadi district of Baku. The government of Azerbaijan allocated a plot of land and fully financed construction and equipment of the building.
Within the framework of the opening ceremony of the opening ceremony of headquarters of the TURKPA Secretariat President of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev received the honorable speakers of the parliaments of the respective countries.

It was praised mutual activities of the parliaments of Turkic-speaking Countries and noted that the heads of state also contribute to cooperation between these countries.
According to the Headquarters Agreement signed on 30 March 2010 by the Government of Azerbaijan and TURKPA, the Secretariat being the permanently functioning working body of the Assembly, located in Baku city, Azerbaijan and possesses the status of juridical person.

The Secretariat in its activity guided by the Istanbul Agreement, Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, Regulations of the Secretariat, the Assembly and its Council Resolutions, as well as by the national legislation of the host country.

The Secretariat is consisted of diplomatic, administrative and technical, as well as service staff.

The Secretary General is a Head of the Secretariat who is elected at the plenary sessions for 4 years’ term among nationals of member countries in alphabetical order of English language. Deputies Secretary General, Representatives of the Parliaments of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Turkey are also elected for 4 years’ term.
Since its establishment, TURKPA has been active within the system of international relations. As it was stated by the heads of member parliaments, TURKPA seeks to contribute to further progress of parliamentary diplomacy, establishment and development of relationships with the parliaments and international organizations present in the Eurasian region.

TURKPA has observer status in the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Union of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. TURKPA develops its relationships with the OSCE regularly participating also in the winter and annual sessions of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. Besides, TURKPA attends events of the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and GUAM Parliamentary Assembly.

TURKPA established relations of with Hungary in 2014, when the Hungarian National Assembly obtained an observer status in the Assembly. Moreover, the Parliamentary Union of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (PUIC) has an observer status since 2011.
TURKPA has also been active at the international arena during the last year, having participated in a number of events and meetings, including the winter and autumn meetings of the OSCEPA, plenary and other sessions of IPU, PUIC, IPA CIS and PABSEC.

Moreover, TURKPA started its cooperation with the Crans Montana Forum, which is one of leading non-governmental institutions that bring together prominent politicians, diplomats, key decision makers and representatives of leading international organizations.

During the year 2018 TURKPA attended such important events as the 29th Annual Ses-
sion of the Crans Montana Forum, Seventeenth Winter Meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCEPA), 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings, 13th Session of the Parliamentary Union of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (PUIC), 47th Plenary Session of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), 51st Plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), Sixth Summit of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council) and others.
TURKPA, marking its 10th anniversary in 2018, is undergoing transformation in its activities since the Assembly seeks to conceptualize its work on strategic basis. The vision of TURKPA is parliamentary input to the cooperation processes among the Turkic-speaking countries with result-oriented approach. Economic, social, cultural, scientific, educational and environmental cooperation is considered as a backbone of the Turkic cooperation.

Efficient inter-parliamentary format is a prerequisite for successful Turkic cooperation. The future prospects of Turkic cooperation remain positive as it has a distinguished track record of the last twenty years when the countries succeeded in altering their relations toward institutional framework. The parliaments of the member countries realize their mission in revealing untapped great potential of Turkic cooperation.

The significant part of that mission is laid down in the formation of common legislative space for free movement of people, delivery of social and economic services, investment flows and growth of trade, expanding joint educational and cultural initiatives. As a core mission, the Assembly will focus on elaboration of model legislation in those fields representing common interest for all the parties. This process is conditioned by accumulation of expert potential of the member countries and relevant exchange of experience.

For the upcoming period, the Assembly will take necessary steps in few directions. It includes, first of all, institutional development, increasing visibility and raising awareness of organisation in domestic and international contexts. Besides, the parliamentarians are keen to handle the issue of developing communication of the Assembly with all segments of societies of the member countries, including think-tanks, mass media and non-governmental sector and local self-government bodies.

Undoubtedly, the Turkic-speaking countries have had to persistently react to actual regional and global challenges. The Turkic-speaking countries prove to meet those challenges through joint and, at the same time, flexible action. The vision of TURKPA is contributing to prosperity and harmony of the people and TURKPA along with other Turkic cooperation institutions will strive to build more economic, social and cultural bonds based on common interest and benefiting the well-being of societies.