

**THE ASTANA DECLARATION
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC-SPEAKING
COUNTRIES**

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of the Second Plenary Meeting of
Parliamentary Assembly Turkic-speaking countries

The Second Plenary Meeting of Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking countries took place in Astana 27-28 April 2011 with participation of members of Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, Great National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey.

Participants of the Second Plenary Meeting,

- Expressing readiness to continue implementation of the Agreement of the establishment of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking countries signed in Istanbul on 21 November, 2008, Nakhichevan Declaration of the IX Summit of Heads of Turkic-speaking countries held in 2-3 October, 2009, in Nakhichevan, Republic of Azerbaijan, and the Declaration of the X Summit of Heads of Turkic-speaking countries held on 16 September, 2010, in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey,
- Noting that the first session of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking countries held on 29 September, 2009, in Baku was another step in forming this body,
- Noting the importance of inter-parliamentary cooperation in interstate relations, particularly in developing political dialogue and promoting regional and global security,

- Noting the special role of Parliaments in developing close and multifaceted cooperation between the Turkic-speaking countries, based on common history, language and culture.

Declare the following:

1. Parliamentary Assembly is an important instrument in deepening relations in political, economic, cultural and other spheres as well as promoting even closer ties among our nations.
2. Over short period of its activities Parliamentary Assembly has transformed into a full fledged inter-parliamentary structure with an observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliamentary Union of Organization of Islamic Conference.
3. Parliamentary Assembly in its activities looks forward to fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation with parliaments of other Turkic-speaking countries.
4. Establishment within the Parliamentary Assembly of permanent commissions aimed at developing decision making process offers the opportunity to reach a qualitatively new level of cooperation.
5. Parliamentary Assembly will contribute to effective interaction with TURKSOY international organization, Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking countries, Turkic Academy and the Council of Wisemen.
6. Parliamentary Assembly emphasize that the most pressing issue today is the process of building a post-crisis world, and intends to contribute to the formation of a new global financial and economic system.
7. Parliamentary Assembly notes that the 20th anniversary of independence of Turkic-speaking countries is an important milestone in the new history of these nations.

8. Chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in 2010 and the active work of the parliaments of Turkic-speaking countries in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly have contributed to the international profile of our countries and greater involvement of the international community in solving the problems of Eurasia.
9. Parliamentary Assembly notes the normalization of situation and improving of standards of living in the Kyrgyz Republic and will assist in strengthening rule of law and effective governance.
10. The Parliamentary Assembly welcomes the forthcoming Chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Conference and strives to promote intercultural and interfaith dialogue as an important element of ensuring peace, harmony and understanding among different cultures around the world.
11. Parliamentary Assembly highly appreciates the organization of World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Azerbaijan on April 2011 and having welcomed an open exchange of views based on the mutual understanding between the persons and groups belonging to diverse culture, ethnicity, religion and heritage, stresses the contribution by Azerbaijan to the promotion of intercultural dialogue.