

**THE BISHKEK DECLARATION
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
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The Third Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking countries was held on 15 June, 2012 in Bishkek with the participation of the members of Parliaments of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Turkey.

Participants of the Third Plenary Meeting,

- *Expressing* their determination to deepen the cooperation amongst the parliaments and in this regard referring to the İstanbul Agreement on the establishment of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking countries of 21 November 2008 and Nakhchivan Agreement of 3 October 2009 and other relevant declarations and documents;
- *Noting* that the first, second and third sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking countries held respectively in Baku, Astana and Bishkek were a significant step in institutionalizing the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-speaking countries;
- *Emphasizing* the importance of inter-parliamentary cooperation particularly in the field of developing the political dialogue and promoting regional and global security amongst the member states;
- *Recognizing* the special role of parliaments in developing close and multifaceted cooperation among the Turkic-speaking countries based on common history, language and culture;
- *Expressing* its conviction that extensive relations and existing solidarity among Turkic states strengthen regional and international cooperation and serve as the noble purpose of strengthening stability and security in the region and across the world;
- *Pursuing* the aim of strengthening political and economic security of states on the basis of observing principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability of borders, non-interference in the internal affairs of each other, non-use of force and threat of force;

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- *Reaffirming* its commitment to the objectives and principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations.

Declare the following:

1. The Parliamentary Assembly is an important instrument in a way of rapprochement of Turkic – speaking states, expressing a common opinion and a general view in aspiration of maintenance of stability and further prosperity of our countries;
2. The Parliamentary Assembly reaffirms an importance of providing national and regional security, stability and peace, as well as principles of democracy, respect of human rights and development of market economy, rule of law and good governance;
3. The Parliamentary Assembly recognizes that economic cooperation is the main driving force of the regional integration of Turkic-speaking states and in this regard calls its Governments to intensify trade and economic, investment cooperation among the states;
4. The Parliamentary Assembly underlines the necessity of international cooperation among the countries concerned aimed at comprehensive usage of water resources and environmental protection;
5. The Parliamentary Assembly notes energy security as a leading factor in terms of widening cooperation in the energy sector among the Turkic-speaking states;
6. The Parliamentary Assembly highlights the importance of expanding and promoting cooperation in combating threats such as terrorism, violent extremism, transnational organized crime and trafficking of firearms, drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as illegal migration; all the Parties strongly condemns terrorism and violent extremism;
7. The Parliamentary Assembly expresses the importance of the peaceful settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which is one of the main obstacles to lasting stability and regional cooperation on the basis of sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan and reaffirmed their conviction that the resolution of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict will be a significant progress in providing peace, stability and prosperity in Eurasian area;

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8. The Parliamentary Assembly notes its support for the success of the ongoing UN-sponsored settlement process in Cyprus and expresses its solidarity with the Turkish Cypriot people, an equal and constituent partner in Cyprus, in their aspirations for a peaceful, secure and prosperous future;
9. The Parliamentary Assembly welcomed celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of Independence of the Turkic-speaking states and believe that a considerable progress has been achieved through the implementation of reforms in political, economic, social, legal and other areas;
10. The Parliamentary Assembly welcomes the parliamentary elections held in the Republic of Turkey on 12 June 2011 and extraordinary elections of the Majilis deputies of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan held on 15 January 2012, as well as the presidential elections held in the Kyrgyz Republic on 30 October 2011;
11. The Parliamentary Assembly expresses its deep appreciation to the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic for the excellent organization and successful holding of the Third Plenary Session, as well as for the warm hospitality of the Kyrgyz people;
12. The Parliamentary Assembly has decided to hold the Forth Plenary Meeting on May 2013 in Ankara.

15 June 2012, Bishkek