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Committee on Foreign Affairs

**The Meeting of Committees on Foreign Affairs of Parliaments of Turkic
States
18 February 2025
Declaration**

1. On 25 April 2024, the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of Turkic States convened in Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan, and agreed to meet regularly from then on.
2. Within this framework, the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of the Turkic States met in Istanbul on 18 February 2025, with the support of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States (TURKPA) and agreed on the following:
 - a. With the support of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States (TURKPA), the gatherings will henceforth be organized as the ‘Meeting of Committees on Foreign Affairs of Parliaments of Turkic States’,
 - b. The meetings will include participation from the Foreign Affairs Committees of TURKPA member parliaments, parliamentary delegations of observer and guest countries,
 - c. The Secretaries General of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and TURKPA will be invited to the meetings,
 - d. The meetings will be held regularly at least once a year, with additional meetings in other countries if deemed necessary,
 - e. The location and date of the subsequent meeting will be announced at the conclusion of each meeting,



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- f. Coordination with the host country and the TURKPA Secretariat will be ensured for the follow-up of the meetings,
 - g. A joint statement will be issued after each meeting, and efforts will be made to ensure its inclusion on the websites and social media pages of the parliaments of participating countries, the OTS, and TURKPA.
3. The primary purpose of organizing these meetings is to foster cooperation among the Foreign Affairs Committees in implementing the OTS Summit Declarations and fulfilling the major objectives of TURKPA. In this context, practical objectives are sought, including but not limited to:
- a. Examine significant international developments and specific matters of interest to the Turkic World, as well as to explore opportunities for establishing common stance,
 - b. Explore opportunities for concrete collaboration among participants and enhance cooperation within international organizations, particularly in international parliamentary organizations. To this end,
 - i. Common areas where parliamentary diplomacy could be utilized more effectively among participating countries will be identified and executed,
 - ii. Communication among delegation officials from the participating countries will be encouraged,
 - iii. The meetings and consultations will be held within the framework of international parliamentary organizations, forums, conferences, seminars, and other inter-parliamentary activities,



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- iv. Within such platforms, efforts will be exerted to achieve a consensus on matters of significance for the participating countries as well as to strive for supporting the positions of the participating countries,
 - v. Efforts will be made to support nominations in such platforms,
 - c. Prioritize the adoption of international instruments (Treaties, Agreements, Memoranda of Understandings, etc.) on cooperation among the participating countries in the Foreign Affairs Committees and to make efforts to accelerate the ratification processes in the respective Parliaments.
4. In addition to the issues previously mentioned above, during the Meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of Turkic States, the participants discussed their perspectives on Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the recent developments in Syria and Gaza, and suggested solutions towards both regional and global challenges.
5. It was also agreed in the meeting to encourage our respective Governments to play an active role in international platforms on the governance of the development and implementation of emerging technologies, in particular artificial intelligence, in a way that preserves the cultural values of the Turkic World.