

## COMMUNIQUÉ

### of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Ministers in charge of Economy and Trade of the Organization of Turkic States

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Ministers in charge of Economy and Trade of the Organization of Turkic States (*hereinafter* - OTS) was held on 9 November 2022, in Samarkand.

The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan – Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade, H.E. Jamshid Khodjayev and attended by the Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States, H.E. Baghdad Amreyev, the Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Daniyar Amangeldiyev, the Minister of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye, H.E. Mehmet Muş, the Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Samad Bashirli, the Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Abzal Abdikarimov and the State Secretary for Security Policy and Energy Security of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Mr. Péter Sztáray.

Considering the importance of continuing the joint efforts of the Member and the Observer States to accelerate their economic development through the implementation of new initiatives in trade, investment, connectivity and multilateral economic relations, the Ministers in charge of Economy and Trade agreed to:

1. Take further necessary measures to strengthen the multilateral partnership in economic, trade and investment, and other relevant fields entering a new stage within the framework of the OTS.
2. Encourage the relevant ministries to finalize the draft Establishment Agreement of the Turkic Investment Fund, which will secure a sustainable and efficient structure for the Fund based on the consensus of all Member States.
3. Endorse the “Trade Facilitation Strategy Paper” for its adoption by the Council of Heads of State within the framework of Samarkand Summit of the OTS that will develop new measures and initiatives to increase the volume of trade, as well as eliminate trade barriers and restrictions in the Member and Observer States.
4. Continue the discussions on “Free Trade Agreement on Services and Investment under the OTS”, and encourage Member States to submit to the Secretariat their feedback on the “Discussion Paper on Trade and Services, Investment Facilitation and Investment Protection” prepared by Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye.

5. Accelerate the completion and signing “Partnership Agreement on the Digital Economy within the OTS” in the coming years, by introducing an assessment of the state of development of digital trade.

6. Explore the best practices on trade promotion mechanisms by conducting field studies to the existing Trade Houses of the OTS Member and Observer States and promote the establishment of Turkic Trade Houses in the Turkic region and beyond.

7. Support the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the establishment of the “TURAN” Special Economic Zone (“TURAN” SEZ) with a special status in the Turkistan region of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with the aim to strengthen economic cooperation and connectivity among the Turkic States including through the East-West International Trans-Caspian Middle Corridor as well as to exert every possible effort to finalize the concept of “TURAN” SEZ through studies under the Joint Working Group established within the “Memorandum of Understanding among the Government Bodies of the OTS regarding the Information and Experience Sharing in the Field Various Types of Economic Zones” signed on September 10, 2021 in Baku.

8. Support the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the establishment of the Research Center for Trade Cooperation of Turkic States in Uzbekistan and the Engineering and Technologies Centers on the basis of specialized organizations of the OTS Member States and enhancement of the cooperation among the existing Engineering and Technologies Centers of the OTS Member and Observer States.

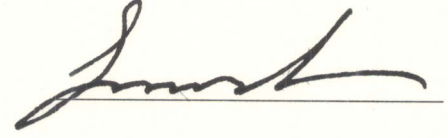
9. Continue supporting activities under the Memorandum of Understandings “Among Government Bodies for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises” signed on 29 September 2015 in Astana and “Cooperation amongst the relevant investment promotion institutions” signed on 28 June 2013 in Istanbul of the OTS Member States, as well as to prepare a joint OTS catalog of potential investment projects for 2023.

10. Hold the next 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Ministers of Economy and Trade of OTS in Türkiye in 2023. The date and place of the meeting will be agreed additionally through diplomatic channels.

The Communique was signed in Samarkand on 9 November 2022, in a single original copy in the English language.

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of the Republic of Azerbaijan



**Mr. Abzal Abdikarimov**

Vice Minister of  
National Economy  
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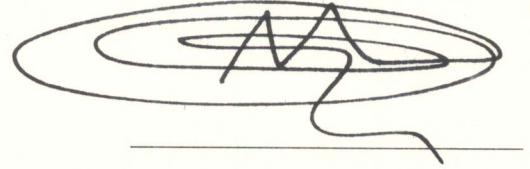
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Minister of Economy and Commerce  
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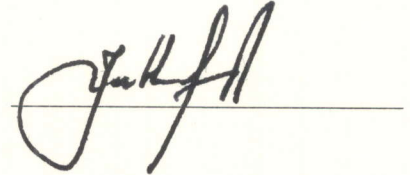
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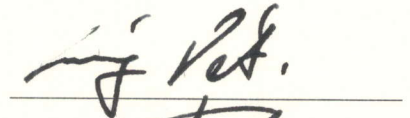
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