

INTERACTION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY.

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Annotation: This article reflects the recent cooperation of the Cooperation Council of Turkic-Speaking States in Central Asia, the agreements of the states in various fields, especially in the economic and political spheres. This working platform, established within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States, aims to ensure regional cooperation by coordinating the policies of the member states, strengthening the management of energy resources and the health sector through the Center for Strategic Studies.

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The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States is a regional organization that aims to develop political, economic, cultural and social relations between its member states, strengthen friendship and solidarity between the Turkic peoples, and is increasingly gaining importance. One of the main goals of this council is to develop mutually beneficial cooperation between member states. The areas of health care and alternative energy stand out as one of the most important and priority areas of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States.

Cooperation in the field of health serves to strengthen ties between member states through the provision of high-quality medical services and the development of new medical technologies. At the same time, cooperation in the field of alternative energy includes initiatives aimed at the development of environmentally friendly and sustainable energy sources.

On April 22, 2016, an expert group meeting on cooperation in the field of alternative energy was held in Istanbul. At the meeting, the parties exchanged information on the current situation in the development of alternative energy sources in their countries¹. They noted that all member states have a huge renewable energy potential, in particular from wind, solar and small hydroelectric power plants. However, they noted that renewable energy production constitutes a small part of all power installations in the member states. In this regard, they agreed to consider the issue of signing a quadrilateral “Protocol on Cooperation on Regulating the Efforts of the Member States of the Organization of Turkic States in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy” in the coming period. On the other hand, the Secretariat participated in the 23rd World Energy Congress held in Istanbul on 10-11 October 2016 and delivered a speech at the panel session organized by the Secretariat entitled “Regional Crossroads: Bringing Caspian Basin Gas to Global Markets”. The Secretariat also participated in the 4th International Nuclear Power Plant Strategic Studies Conference held in Istanbul on 8 March 2017 and the Ministerial Conference “Meeting the Sustainable Energy Challenge” and the

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“Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development” held in Astana on 11 June 2017 ².

During the 7th Strategic Research Center of the Turkic States Organization held in Baku on October 15, 2019, the Heads of State stressed the importance of establishing cooperation in the energy sector, encouraging member states to cooperate and exchange experiences on security of supply. It was also noted that there is great potential for establishing and improving cooperation in the areas of energy, strategic research centers and renewable energy.

In accordance with the instructions of the Heads of State, the first meeting of the Energy Cooperation Working Group and Energy Ministers of the Turkic States Organization and Observer States was held online on February 23-24, 2021. This working platform, established within the framework of the Turkic States Organization, ensures regional cooperation by coordinating the policies of the member states and strengthening the management of energy resources ³, as well as exploring opportunities for expanding cooperation in the field of energy and the application of advanced technologies in the field of renewable energy. region. In addition, the exchange of experience and best practices between the member states, in particular in exploration and petroleum engineering, design of modern power systems, green energy, electric vehicles and renewable energy sources, is an important part of the cooperation.

The 2nd Meeting of the Turkic States Organization Energy Ministers was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on September 28, 2022⁴. The ministers were informed online about the implementation of the agreed minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Turkic States Organization Energy Ministers held on February 24, 2021, and highly appreciated the previous meetings of the TSO Energy Cooperation Working Group, shared their views on the current situation. They expressed their support for further developing Turkish cooperation in this important area of energy in their countries and in the region. In this regard, the parties adopted the TDT Program for Cooperation in the Energy Sector for 2023-2027 and its corresponding Action Plan, which includes legislation and national programs in the energy sector, renewable and alternative energy sources, fossil fuel energy, nuclear energy, energy Strategic Research Center, the introduction of new technologies, capacity-building programs, and expanding cooperation in the international arena.

The ministers discussed promising cooperation opportunities between member and observer states, as well as in the Turkic world and beyond, as well as the creation of mechanisms for deepening cooperation in the energy sector, increasing interconnections through joint projects in member and observer states, interregional connectivity, and improving renewable and alternative energy sources. As one of the important outcomes of the meeting, the ministers agreed to establish the TDC Energy Coordination Committee, which will be responsible for the implementation of the 5-year documents. The observer state, Hungary, expressed its readiness to host the next ministerial meeting. The meeting continues with

² **Organization of Turkic States attaches great importance to economic cooperation.**
<https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari#2-economic-cooperation>

³ **The activities of the OTS cover a wide range of cooperation.**
<https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari#1-political-cooperation>

⁴ Turkoyazychnye gosudarstva sozdali Soviet bankovskikh assotsiatsiy
<https://kapital.kz/finance/110153/tyurkoyazychnyye-gosudarstva-sozdali-sovet-bankovskikh-assotsiatsiy.html>

international events and sessions within the framework of the Kazakhstan International Exhibition-Conference "Oil and Gas", which will be held in Almaty on September 28-30, 2022.

Cooperation in the field of health begins with the Extraordinary Strategic Studies Center Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO on April 10, 2020 on the theme "Solidarity and Cooperation in Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic". As stipulated in the Baku Declaration adopted by the Extraordinary Video Strategic Research Center of the TDC, the parties agreed to establish close cooperation between the Ministries of Health of the member states, exchange best practices⁵, and provide each other with assistance on important issues related to the pandemic. Based on this instruction, the 1st videoconference meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Turkic Council member and observer states was organized by the Secretariat and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the current chairman of the TDC. April 28, 2020.

The Health Ministers discussed ways to implement the decisions taken at the Extraordinary Strategic Research Center and stressed the importance of cooperation between member and observer states in the fight against COVID-19 and the post-pandemic situation within the framework of the WHO. At this meeting, it was decided to establish a Health Coordination Committee and a Health Scientific Group to exchange information and experience and best practices on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, epidemiological studies and scientific research of dangerous infections among member and observer states. As a result of the ministerial meeting, the parties established a Health Coordination Committee, which is responsible for coordinating all issues of cooperation in the field of health between the parties⁶. The Coordination Committee includes a "Health Science Group" consisting of leading scientists, specialists and experts to enhance coordination in the fight against COVID-19 and other dangerous infections, and a "Supply Chain Group" to provide each other with necessary products. Within the framework of this cooperation, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey organized the first face-to-face vaccine seminar of the Health Science Group in Izmir on August 24-27, 2020, where Turkey shared its experience in vaccine development and combating the pandemic.

The Ministers of Health of the Member and Observer States met in Istanbul on 30 October 2020 at the 4th Meeting of the Scientific Group on Health and adopted a Joint Declaration, which emphasized the importance of international cooperation in the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and agreed measures to prevent its further spread. They also praised the coordination and collaborative efforts of the Turkic Council as an example of institutionalized subregional cooperation focused on ways to develop solidarity for the benefit of peoples. The Ministers stressed the importance of maintaining the level of cooperation achieved, continuing it with new concrete projects, as well as preparing the WHO Pandemic Response Plan. Since the establishment of this partnership, the Secretariat has organized 8 meetings of the Health Science Group and 4 meetings of the Supply Chain Group, where the parties

⁵ Structuring an inter-university union for the universities of the OTS Member States.<https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari#6-education-cooperation>

⁶ Cooperation in the field of health takes its commencement from the Extraordinary Summit of the Council of Heads of State of the OTS.<https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari>

discussed and shared their knowledge on current issues related to COVID-19 and other health priorities of the Member States ⁷.

Delegations from TDC Member States also observed field operations at the Emergency Health Preparedness Training Exercise organized by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Development Organization in Izmir on 16-17 December 2021. It is planned to organize a similar joint training program for medical professionals from TDC Member and Observer States in the future. As part of this cooperation, the Secretariat organized a second face-to-face training program in Ankara, together with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, on 14-27 March 2022, to strengthen laboratory systems and develop the professional capacity of member and observer laboratory staff.

The Turkic World Congress of the Turkic States Organization (TDT) was held in Istanbul on October 30-31, 2022, with the participation of the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The first day of the World Turkic Medical Congress, whose main theme was “Transforming Global Health in the Post-Pandemic Era”, featured panel discussions and sessions. The 2nd Meeting of Health Ministers was held in Istanbul on October 31, 2022, within the framework of the Turkic World Congress. The Secretary General and the Ministers signed the “Joint Declaration of the 8th Turkic World Congress of the Turkic States and the Ceremony of Awarding the “Respect for the History of Medicine and Common Heritage” Award”.

A meeting of scientists from member and observer states of the United Nations was held. Among other things, the parties agreed to strengthen cooperation in studying the possibilities of member states to supply medicines, medical equipment and material needs, to assess the possibilities of joint production and procurement. The parties agreed to hold the next meeting of the Ministers of Health and the Turkish Medical World Congress in the Strategic Research Center in 2023 in Arkand. At the end of the program, the “Respect for the History of Medicine and Common Heritage” award ceremony was held and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan presented awards to Secretary General Amreyev and the Ministers of Health of the TDT and for their outstanding work in the past period. then the significant contribution made to the pandemic process and cooperation between the Turkic countries.

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