

“The Cooperation Of The Republic Of Uzbekistan With Turkey In The Economic And Cultural Branches”

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Annotation

This article outlines the relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey on the trade, economic, political, cultural and humanitarian spheres, as well as the current course of bilateral relations and important issues of cooperation between the two countries. The sides also exchanged views on the state visits of the Presidents of Turkey and Uzbekistan and the signed documents between the two countries, the reached agreements and the rise of multilateral cooperation to a new level.

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Today's worldview is focused on relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey, which is closely interconnected with centuries-old history, unique language and religion, common values and similar traditions. From the moment of gaining the state independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the way of cooperation with the world's leading states has come. It is no secret that today, Uzbekistan has the task of forming a system of direct contacts with foreign countries and international organizations, establishing political, economic, and cultural and diplomatic relations with them, and raising these ties to the level of cooperation. Relations with the United States, Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, Japan, South Korea, Turkey and many other developed countries have begun to yield their results. In 1996, the Treaty of Eternal Friendship with Turkey was a practical action in Uzbekistan's foreign policy [1].

In addition to these countries, the Republic of Turkey now has its own "Turkish model" for the developed countries of the world, a market economy that is well adapted to the conditions

of Turkey [2]. Therefore, scientific research of Uzbekistan's economic, investment and cultural-humanitarian relations with the Republic of Turkey is one of the topical issues today.

In the recent years, due to the political will and determination of the leaders of the two countries, a completely new page has appeared in relations between our two countries. The importance of establishing cooperation in the field of foreign policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, including economic and cultural relations with the Republic of Turkey can be explained as follows:

- Turkey is the first country to recognize the independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan in more than 250 countries around the world and thus has begun the process of its recognition as a new state on the world map.

- Ethnic origin, language, religion, lifestyle, spirituality, traditions and traditions of the Uzbek and Turkish peoples are very closely related and brotherly nations.

- Based on principles such as peace, stability, equality, mutual trust, respect and interest, and non-use of foreign policy, Uzbekistan remains a supporter and initiator of bilateral and multilateral agreements in foreign relations. This contributes not only to the dimensions of political cooperation between states, but also to the shaping and development of friendship, brotherhood, economic, cultural, scientific and technical ties among nations.

- Uzbekistan and Turkey share a wide range of trans boundary threats in Central Asia, including terrorism, religious extremism, organized crime and drug trafficking. Therefore, these approaches to Turkish foreign policy fully correspond to the views of Uzbekistan in international relations, and these two countries serve as an important basis for the establishment and development of mutually beneficial cooperation.

Intergovernmental meetings of the presidents of Uzbekistan and Turkey, state visits and high-level political talks began with the official visit of the first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov to Turkey in December 1991. Their visits to Turkey in June 1994 and November 1997 became historic. In October 1998, I.A Karimov participated in the celebrations dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey. In his turn, Prime Minister of Turkey T. Chiller paid an official visit to Uzbekistan in July 1995, with Turkish Prime Minister S.Demirel. On October of this year, President Demirel was a worthy participant in the fourth Summit of Heads of Turkic-speaking countries in Uzbekistan and events dedicated to the 660th anniversary of Amir Temur. Prime Minister M.Yilmaz in April 1998 and President Demirel visited Uzbekistan in May 1999.

The meeting of the first President of Uzbekistan I.Karimov with the President of Turkey A.Sezer at the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000 played an important role in bilateral relations. On October 16-17, 2000, President of the Republic of Turkey AN Szerer paid an official visit to Uzbekistan. As far as these visits are concerned, on December 16-19, 1991, I.A. The Uzbek delegation headed by Karimov visited the country, the first country to recognize the independence of our country. Turkish President Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister Süleyman Demirel and other leaders, businessmen and businessmen. During the visit, the sides signed an agreement on the principles and objectives of intergovernmental relations between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, the agreement on the exchange of consular offices, the Agreement on economic and trade cooperation, the Agreement on cooperation in the field of culture, science, education, health, sports and tourism, protocols on cooperation in communications, protocols on cooperation in information exchange, television and radio broadcasting and other rights y normative documents were signed. Relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey have been expanding in recent years.

In particular, on April 28, 1992, the Embassy of Turkey in Uzbekistan opened the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Turkey. The documents signed during the official visits of Turgut Ozal, Süleyman Demirel, Tansu Chiller, Mesut Yilmaz and Ahmet Sezer to Turkey were of great importance in deepening cooperation. The cooperation between the two countries has yielded practical results in the areas of fabric and garment manufacturing, processing of agricultural products, construction of joint ventures, personnel training, tourism development and others. In Uzbekistan, more than 200 joint ventures with Turkish investors have been established in Uzbekistan. In June 1996, the Association of Automotive Manufacturers of Uzbekistan, Uzavtosanoat, signed a contract with the Turkish company "KochXolding" to establish SamKochavto Uzbek-Turkish joint venture in Samarkand. . Soon, this joint venture has been built, and buses have been assembled and trucks with a capacity of up to 8 tones have already been set up. The bilateral trade turnover between the two countries made up US \$ 75 million in 1992, and in 1998 it increased by \$ 275 million. The treaty-legal basis of relations between the two countries is based on the Treaty on Eternal Friendship and Cooperation, established in 1996 between Uzbekistan and Turkey, and against the political, trade-economic, scientific-technical, terrorism and drug trafficking more than 70 documents signed in the field of health, transport, tourism, culture and other spheres.

The visit of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Uzbekistan in 2003 has played an important role in furthering these agreements and negotiations. In particular, an intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in the fight against international terrorism and the cancellation of visas for holders of diplomatic passports has been signed. Relations between parliaments and ministries of both countries continued within the framework of international organizations. Agreements on mutual encouragement and protection of investments, and avoidance of double taxation were important for the two countries.

Today's Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's Turkish government has a very good economic policy, and Turkey is gaining momentum in the growth and development of the economy. Cooperation with such a powerful state fully corresponds to the national interests of our country. Uzbekistan, meanwhile, plays an important role in Turkey's foreign policy. Today our country is one of the main partners of Turkey in Central Asia. Turkey's huge marketplace increasingly liberalized economy, favorable investment climate, historical cities, tourist destinations, sacred religious sites are of great interest in Turkey. Thus, both sides are interested in strengthening the cooperation, which indicates the prospect of mutual relations.

Today, the Uzbek-Turkish cooperation, based on mutual trust and mutual trust, is implementing a number of promising programs and projects in trade and economic, industrial, investment, transport, tourism, healthcare, education and cultural spheres.

Today, the fact that the world is at the forefront of the economic development of 20 countries, and the continuation of the peaceful policy pursued by the rapidly developing Uzbekistan on the international arena, as the state of the country in Europe and the world, these processes are crucial to raising the relations to a higher level.

President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan visited Samarkand on November 17-18, 2016 and visited the grave of the first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan I.Karimov. At the Forum Complex in Samarkand, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyayev and President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan held talks [3].

Presidents of Uzbekistan and Turkey met in May 2017 at the International Forum "One Place, One Way" in Beijing. The continuation of these meetings continued to be a reliable dialogue within the framework of the Science and Technology Summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on September 10, 2017. Also, the heads of two states within the framework of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly on 19 September 2017 laid the foundation for the state visit of the President of Uzbekistan Sh.Mirziyoy to October 2017.

The state visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyayev to the Republic of Turkey on October 25-26, 2017, showed that the relations between these two countries have reached a new level. We will never forget that he admitted it [4].”

At the meeting with the participation of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.Mirziyoev and Prime Minister of Turkey Binali Yildirim, it was noted that the documents signed between Uzbekistan and Turkey were of great importance and the business forum, organized by business circles of both countries, included construction of large energy projects and road infrastructure, , electrical equipment, building materials production, modern industrial and logistics centers in the food and agro industry sectors. More than 30 projects worth \$ 3.5 billion were signed in the field of education. It should be noted that in some areas, Turkey has been developing more rapidly than in Uzbekistan. Its annual gross domestic product is about one trillion US dollars. At the same time, cooperation with Turkey opens a new way for Uzbekistan to reach Europe and the world [5].

The Turkish businessmen underlined that the economic reforms being implemented in Uzbekistan under the leadership of President Islam Karimov, the liberalization of the currency market, simplification of the visa regime, have created favorable conditions for cooperation. During the open and practical conversation, the sides focused on issues such as further development of relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey's financial institutions, firms and companies, expansion of mutual supply of goods and services, reaching agreement on trade turnover between Uzbekistan and Turkey at \$ 3-4 billion, specific projects of mutual interest. Visits of these two influential delegations and regular meetings and business forums show that the relations are expanding intensively.

Within the framework of an international conference in Samarkand on November 10-12, 2017, the President of Uzbekistan received Minister of Economy of Turkey Nihat Zeybekçi. The meeting focuses on future mutually beneficial trade and economic relations between the two countries and stressed that Turkey is one of the largest and most important trading partners of Uzbekistan. The volume of bilateral trade has grown significantly over the past few years and the volume of trade between Turkey and Turkey in 2016 It is worth mentioning that in 2017 this figure exceeded 1.5 billion US dollars. It was pointed out that there are all possible opportunities to reach this figure in the near future by \$ 5 billion. Today, non-ferrous metals and their products, cotton fiber and yarrow, fruits and vegetables, services, nitrogen fertilizers and oil refining products constitute the main export of our country to Turkey. In turn, our country

imports cosmetic products, various mechanical and electronic equipment, plastic and products, textile, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, leather goods and dyes. The Joint Commercial Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation and the Joint Commission on Land Transport, established in accordance with the Agreement on Land Transport, have made a significant contribution to the strengthening of ties in this area. The last meeting of the intergovernmental commission was held in Tashkent in May 2017 and the fourth meeting of the joint commission was held in Istanbul in 2016.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev met the President of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) Serdar Chamni on December 19, 201 in Tashkent [6]. The efforts of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), which has been operating since 1993, are at a high price. Over the past period, the agency has been actively involved in the implementation of projects aimed at the modernization of material and technical basis of medical and educational institutions, development of agriculture and private and medium businesses. For the period up to 2017, the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency has allocated more than US \$ 30 million to these targets [7].

Today, it is an integral part of mutual relations between the two countries in cultural and humanitarian cooperation. In June 2016, Uzbek Culture Days were held in Ankara, and in September, Uzbek artists took part in the 14th International Symposium on Sculptures and Artists in Bodrum. An exhibition of works by Uzbek artists attracting the attention of artists for 10 days at the Art Gallery this year became a bright event in Istanbul's cultural life. It should be noted that there are traditions that remain unchanged in our area. Regular participation of Turkish artists in the International Music Festival Sharq Taronalari (Oriental Melodies) will be held in Samarkand and Turkish Public Television and Radio Company (TRT) will broadcast free-of-charge official celebrations in Uzbekistan to foreign countries.

Health is one of the priorities of cooperation in cultural and humanitarian spheres. The point is that cooperation between Turkey and the Republic of Turkey in the field of medicine and exchange of experience between prominent scientific researches institutes are developing. Turkey has gained many years of experience in medicine. Medical insurance is well established there. Everyone at the hospital is well served. Particular attention will be paid to the staffing and training. It should be noted that the Turks are trying to establish not only the types of medical services, but also the equipment used for them and the production of medicines. It is important that the experience will be taught to Uzbek youth. The development of advanced training in the

field of medical education and the training of state-funded personnel will serve the future of the system. For example, since 2002, Uzbek doctors have been participating in advanced training courses at the leading Turkish clinics. During the period from 2009 to 2010, Turkish specialists in Uzbekistan conducted surgeries in 760 children. The Center for the First Bone Marrow Transplantation in Central Asia was opened in Tashkent in 2014 with the support of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency. In 2015, the Simulation Training Center was launched at the Republican Gynecology and Obstetrics Research Center. In 2016, the charitable public fund "Soghlom avlod uchun" has provided 12 mobile clinics for medical treatment of the population living in rural areas. During the Health Week in Uzbekistan, operations were conducted in plastic surgery with the participation of Turkish and Uzbek doctors. The development of relations in this area is important for the two peoples.

Tourism is one of the most important sectors of the economy. In particular, starting from February 10, 2018, tourists from Turkey are allowed to travel for up to 30 days. In addition, simplified visa regime for citizens of 39 countries. Before the signing of the Non-Aligned Movement, approximately 40,000 in 2016 and about 50,000 in 2017 have come to Uzbekistan. From July 1, 2018, electronic visas will be introduced. Visiting Tourism Support Department has been set up as part of the Committee on Religious Tourism. Also, the flight from Istanbul to Samarkand on March 16, 2018, the number of weekly flights between the two countries will be more than 20, and nowadays Uzbekistan Airways and Turkish Airlines are working efficiently to increase the number of flights and expand the list of destinations is being carried out. Today, Uzbekistan is also collaborating with tourism in Turkey, implementing many projects to make full use of this potential, attract tourists to the country, and such efforts will contribute to the development of the country's economy.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey Mevlut Cavusoglu also attended the international conference on Afghanistan held on March 27, 2018 in Tashkent. Inter-parliamentary relations play a key role in strengthening the cooperation between the two countries. In October 2017, an inter-parliamentary group on cooperation of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey was established. The first deputy chairman of the Senate of the country S.Safoev leads the group. It is worth mentioning that a delegation of the Oliy Majlis headed by the Chairman of the Senate N.Yuldashev visited the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in November 2017 in Istanbul and Ankara to participate in the 2nd session and the 10th plenary session of the Executive

Assembly of the Asian Parliament. During the visit, a meeting was held with the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Ismail Kahraman. Another significant event in this regard was the visit of the delegation of the Turkish Grand National Assembly to Turkey in March 2018 under the chairmanship of chairman of the Turkey-Uzbekistan Interparliamentary Friendship Group of the Turkish Parliament Heydar Ali Yildiz. Meetings with the Senate and the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, the State Committee for Tourism Development, the State Committee for Investments, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan were held at the roundtable with the participation of representatives of business circles of Turkey in this delegation.

Based on this, the visit of the President of Turkey to Uzbekistan opens new opportunities for the development and enhancement of effective cooperation and is a logical continuation of constructive and open dialogue between the leaders of the two countries and the two peoples.

Another important event in the socio-political life of our country was the visit of the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, to Uzbekistan on April 29, 2018 with a three-day state visit.

The main events of the visit were held at the Kuksaroy residence. A guard of honor was lined up for the distinguished guest. Shavkat Mirziyoev and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan were promoted to the podium. The state anthems of Uzbekistan and Turkey were played and the Presidents passed the guard of honor. After the official welcoming ceremony, Shavkat Mirziyoev and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan held a meeting in narrow aisles. The sides discussed issues of cooperation in political, trade-economic, investment, transport and communications, tourism, science, culture and other areas, as well as exchange views on regional and international issues. Following the talks, the governments, ministries and agencies of the two countries signed 24 documents. At the Uzbek-Turkish Business Forum organized at the Uzexpocenter, the sides reached agreement on the implementation of about 50 investment projects totaling about US \$ 3 billion.

Alexander Vorobev, a researcher at the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, wrote in his article for the Eurasia Daily analytical portal: "This visit is fully in line with Tashkent's policy of maintaining contacts with neighboring countries today. Economic pragmatism, the attraction of investments, and the expansion of foreign trade relations, form the basis of it. Turkey has the industrial potential, financial resources and experience of doing business in many countries," the expert said. According to the expert,

"Ankara, like Moscow, Beijing and Brussels, is well aware of Tashkent's capability as a regional leader and Central Asian economy [8]."

In his speeches during the state visit of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to Uzbekistan, mutual respect was seen at every step. This is the opinion of the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoev, that "this word is enough to express the Turkish people's great respect for the motherland of Uzbekistan": in the pledge of the presidency in the fight against ignorance, the divorce is eliminated and the Turkish people open their door to the homeland The President's address as "my dear brother" is a statement made by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan saying that "one person will open and thousands will drink water from this aryk." Our meeting with Shavkat Mirziyayev and the agreements reached are similar to that. Millions of our citizens will enjoy it, "said in a statement, expressing firm conviction that the two sides are committed to raising this strategic partnership to a new level. True Friendship is reflected in the sincere words of the President of Uzbekistan Sh.Mirziyoyev, "The doors of your country are always open to our close neighbors like you" [9].

To sum up, it can be said that the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Uzbekistan has become a symbol of not only interstate cooperation, but also friendship between our people. This was clearly reflected during the visit of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis. The high-ranking guest talked about the glorious past of the Uzbek people and made a great contribution to the human civilization of our great ancestors. The historic examples of the fact that the people of Uzbekistan in the independence of the country of Turkey have come to an end, our spouses are proud of our past and present. In his speech delivered at the Oliy Majlis, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan highly assessed the policy carried out in Uzbekistan and expressed his sincere wishes to our country and people. The visit of the President of Turkey to Uzbekistan laid the foundation for a new history of relations between the two countries and highlighted the important prospects of cooperation between the two countries. The signed documents and agreements reached between the two countries will undoubtedly contribute to the comprehensive strengthening of the friendship of the fraternal peoples.

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