

**FINAL DECLARATION OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE
COUNCILS OF JUDGES OF THE MEMBER AND OBSERVER STATES OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES**

The transfer of experience and exchange of views on the matters concerning the common goals of interest of the judicial councils, the main responsible of the judicial systems of the countries, are of great importance.

With this aim, within the framework of the organization hosted by the Council of Judges and Prosecutors of the Republic of Türkiye and organized in cooperation with the Organization of Turkic States on 22-23 December 2015 in Istanbul, a meeting was held with participation of the senior representatives of the judicial councils of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Subsequently, by inviting all Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States and with participation of the Chairman of the Judicial-Legal Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Inam Karimov, President of the High Judicial Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr. Denis Shipp, President of the Council of Judges of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Kydyk Djunushpaev, Acting President of Council of Judges and Prosecutors of Republic of Türkiye Mr. Mehmet Akif Ekinci, President of the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Kholmumin Yodgorov, President of the National Judicial Council of Hungary Mr. Péter Szabó and President of the Supreme Council of Judicature of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Mr. Bertan Özerdağ, this second meeting has been organized in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States.

The Parties express their gratitudes to the Turkish side for the organization and the hospitality for the organizing this meeting.

As the Judicial Councils, we are aware that justice can only be served in a state governed by rule of law, judiciary must be impartial and independent, and the guarantee of an independent and impartial judiciary is independent judicial councils.

For this reason, in order to overcome the challenges we face in the execution level that is the feature of the century we live in, the participants have declared the following issues shall be addressed for close cooperation between Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States:

1. A Statute that will guide the steps to be taken for institutionalization of the cooperation will be prepared until the end of 2024 by a sub-working group composed of

representatives of the judicial councils of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States, hosted by the Council of Judges and Prosecutors of the Republic of Türkiye and Organization of Turkic States.

2. The third meeting will be held in 2025, hosted by the Republic of Azerbaijan, a Member State of the Organization of Turkic States, at which the Statute and the name of the network of Judicial Councils envisaged to be established at this meeting will be adopted.

3. The meetings of the Councils of Judges/network will be held every year on a rotational basis in the state in accordance with the English alphabetical order of the names of the Parties.

This Declaration was signed and entered into force on May 23, 2024 in the city of Istanbul, The Republic of Türkiye in 6 copies in English language.

Chairman of the Judicial-Legal Council of the
Republic of Azerbaijan

Inam KARIMOV



President of the High Judicial Council of the
Republic of Kazakhstan

Denis SHIPP



President of the Council of Judges of the
Kyrgyz Republic

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