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President of Turkmenistan receives CEO of Lotus Energy A.S.

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Erdal Celik, Chairman of Lotus Energy board of executives in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Expressing gratitude for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest congratulated the leader of the Turkmen state on his birthday and expressed the wishes of good health and every success in all his noble undertakings aimed at the wellbeing and happiness of the Turkmen people and the prosperity of the homeland.

Thanking for the kind words, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that Turkmenistan always stood ready to develop long-term, mutually advantageous cooperation with Turkish partners who had been actively collaborating in large-scale programmes and projects in our country for many years. In particular, highly evaluating the scale and quality of the work carried out by Lotus Energy A.S. in our country, the Turkmen leader expressed an interest in the further implementation of new joint projects in the energy sector that was of priority significance for the aims and objectives set to dynamically developing Turkmen economy.

In particular, the Turkmen leader noted that Lotus Energy A.S. acting as general contactor of many important projects aimed at increasing electric energy production in Turkmenistan had given no occasion to doubt its reputation as a trustworthy partner.

During the meeting the businessman briefed President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the fulfillment of his instructions and assured that the Turkmen leader's recommendations and proposals would be taken into consideration in the company's subsequent activity.

Expressing gratitude for the high confidence given to the company, Erdal Celik informed of the company's ardent intention and overall readiness to contribute further to implementing the grandiose projects initiated by the leader of the Turkmen state to enhance the economic strengthen and propensity of Turkmenistan.

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President of Turkmenistan receives CEO of Sistema JSFC

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received CEO of Sistema Joint-Stock Financial Corporation (Russian Federation) Leonid Melamed in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest heartily congratulated the Turkmen leader on his birthday and wished good health for many years, happiness and new impressive accomplishments in his versatile activity for the benefit and wellbeing of the country and people. L. Melamed said that due to the progressive reform strategy pursued effectively by President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov Turkmenistan demonstrated the high social and economic growth rates today that stipulated an intense interest of the business circles in Russia and other foreign countries in the promising Turkmen market. In this regard the Russian businessman focused on the intention of the Sistema JFSC to expand mutually advantageous cooperation with Turkmen partners.

Thanking for the congratulations and heartfelt wishes, the leader of the Turkmen state said that having taken the path of fundamental reforms Turkmenistan put much effort to adopt intensively innovative technologies and scientific and technological advances in all sectors of the national economy, and in this regard cooperation with the largest Russian corporation specializing in a broad spectrum of fields was deemed quite effective.

During the meeting the President and his guest considered the possibilities of intensifying partnership in the communications and telecommunications sectors in particular and other fields. The CEO of the Sistema JSFC reported on the progress in implementing the joint projects and put forward the new proposals for further cooperation. In this context the businessman said that the holding stood ready to actively collaborate in the reform programmes and projects initiated by the Turkmen leader to ensure the consistent progress of the country.

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President of Turkmenistan receives CEO of Polimeks

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received CEO of Turkish Polimeks Erol Tabanca in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the Turkish businessman cordially and heartily congratulated the leader of the Turkmen state on his birthday and expressed the heartfelt wishes of good health and every success in his versatile activity for the benefit and wellbeing of the Motherland to the Turkmen leader.

Thanking for the congratulations and heartfelt wishes, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov evaluated highly a profound contribution made by the Polimeks Company, one of Turkmenistan's long-term business partners, to implementing the large-scale urban development programme launched throughout the country.

Expressing gratitude to the Turkmen leader for evaluating highly the company's activity and confidence granted, Erol Tabanca said that Polimeks stood ready to use its expertise and potential to fulfill successfully all tasks set by President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. During the meeting with the Turkmen leader reported on the progress in implementing the construction projects by Polimeks in Turkmenistan. Putting emphasis on the high potential of the Turkmen market and a favourable environment created for foreign partners in the country, the CEO of Polimeks expressed the willingness to maintain mutually advantageous cooperation.

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President of Turkmenistan receives Chairman of the Union of Oil and Gas Producers of Russia

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Yuri Shafrannik, Chairman of the Union of Oil and Gas Producers of Russia in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Taking an opportunity, the guest heartily and cordially congratulated the Turkmen leader on his birthday and wished every success in his versatile activity and all undertaking of the wellbeing and happiness of the Turkmen people.

Thanking for the heartfelt wishes, the Turkmen leader expressed gratitude to the head of the largest Russian company for active assistance in training Turkmen specialists at the leading higher educational institutions in Russia. In this regard Yu. Shafrannik informed the President of Turkmenistan of the intention to maintain this practice in compliance with the scale and priorities of Turkmenistan's social and economic development and the Turkmen leader's recommendations.

During the meeting the areas of cooperation to be developed through using vast opportunities opened up by Turkmenistan's strategy for modernizing and diversifying the fuel and energy sector were discussed. Noting that the new world market trends included the development of the oil and gas industry, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov suggested that the Russian partner draft the concrete proposals for cooperation in this sector through applying the existing experience, advanced technologies and state-of-the-art equipment.

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President of Turkmenistan receives CEO of Itera International Group of companies

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Igor Makarov, CEO of Itera International Group of companies in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Greeting the leader of Turkmenistan, the guest cordially and heartily congratulated Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on his birthday and expressed the wishes of good health for many years to come, wellbeing and new accomplishments in achieving high goals of the epoch of new Revival. The CEO of the Itera Group of companies that had been fruitfully cooperating with our country for many years noted that the consistent implementation of all plans and programmes launched in all key spheres of the life of the Turkmen society and state directly contributed to enhancing the international prestige of Turkmenistan that rightfully ranked among dynamically developing countries of the world.

Putting emphasis on Itera's interest in fostering cooperation with Turkmenistan, Igor Makarov reaffirmed the intention to expand on the Turkmen market including through implementing new large-scale projects initiated by the Turkmen leader

Thanking for the heartfelt congratulations and wishes Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said that Itera had earned the reputation in Turkmenistan as a dependable partner that had accumulated the substantial experience of collaboration with our country in the fuel and energy sector in particular.

In this regard the Turkmen leader and the CEO of Itera harmonized the plans for bilateral cooperation and discussed the possibilities for intensifying mutually advantageous business contacts. Igor Makarov reported on the progress in implementing the large-scale projects including construction of important social and industrial facilities by the Russian company in Turkmenistan.

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President of Turkmenistan receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Konstantin Grishchenko, who had arrived in Ashgabat leading the government delegation. The meeting took place in the Turkmen leader's residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Expressing gratitude for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest conveyed the heartfelt greetings of President of Ukraine Victor Yanukovich, who had expressed the hearty congratulations and best wishes to the leader of the Turkmen state for his birthday. Konstantin Grishchenko handed over the Ukrainian leader's written message with the invitation to pay a visit to Ukraine and said that his country attached paramount significance to strengthening the dialogue of friendship and cooperation with Turkmenistan.

Greeting the guest, the Turkmen leader expressed sincere gratitude to the Ukrainian counterpart and emphasized that Turkmenistan paid particular attention to maintaining traditionally friendly relations with Ukraine that based on the mutual goodwill were filled with a new content today.

Highly evaluating the potential of bilateral partnership, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and the head of the Ukrainian foreign ministry noted that both Turkmenistan and Ukraine were interested in intensifying fruitful cooperation built in compliance with national interests and priorities of development of the two countries. In this regard the Turkmen leader and his guest exchanged views on the prospects for Turkmen-Ukrainian collaboration in a number of key fields including the trade and economic sectors and the cultural and humanitarian sphere as an essential and integral aspect of the intergovernmental dialogue.

In conclusion the President and the head of the Ukrainian foreign ministry expressed belief that Turkmen-Ukrainian relationships based on the firm foundation of friendship, mutual understanding and confidence and the mutual intention to intensify fruitful cooperation would be developed further for the common benefit.

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President of Turkmenistan receives Director of Public Corporation M. V. Frunze Sumy machine building research and production association

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Vladimir Lukyanenko, Director of the Public Corporation M. V. Frunze Sumy machine building research and production association in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Greeting the President of Turkmenistan and thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest cordially and heartily congratulated Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on his birthday and expressed the wishes of good health and inexhaustible energy to implement grandiose plans of the epoch of new Revival.

Thanking for the congratulations and positively evaluating the contribution of the Ukrainian production association to developing oil and gas industry in Turkmenistan, the President called for continuing fruitful cooperation that had a number of large-scale facilities in assets.

The prospects for cooperation in compliance with Turkmenistan's strategy for development of the fuel and energy sector were discussed during the meeting. Reaffirming an intense interest of the Ukrainian production association in developing cooperation with Turkmenistan, V. Lukyanenko informed the Turkmen leader of the progress in implementing the large-scale projects including in particular construction of the compressor stations in Nayip and Hazar that would be put into operation according to schedule, as the Ukrainian businessman assured.

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President of Turkmenistan receives top managers of Ukrainian Altkom and Interbudmontazh

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Aleksander Tislenko, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Altkom Financial Industrial Group Company Ltd and I. Skidan, Director General of the Interbudmontazh Construction Association Business Partnership in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Greeting heartily the Turkmen leader the guests cordially congratulated President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on his birthday and expressed the wishes of good health, wellbeing and great success in his important activity at the high post. Putting emphasis on an intense interest of the Ukrainian business circles in cooperation with Turkmenistan, the top managers of the Altkom Financial Industrial Group Company Ltd and Interbudmontazh Construction Association Business Partnership presented the book "The Grandson Making the Grandfather's Dream Come True" translated in the Ukrainian language to the Turkmen leader.

Thanking for the congratulations and heartfelt wishes, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that having launched modernization of all sectors of the national economy including through using advanced technologies and state-of-the-art equipment stood ready for mutually advantageous partnership with Ukrainian companies.

During the meeting the sides exchanged views on the possibilities for cooperation in the framework of ongoing reform programmes and projects in Turkmenistan. Focusing on the intention of the Altkom Financial Industrial Group Company Ltd specializing in a wide spectrum of fields including from extraction of raw materials and production of building materials to design and construction of various facilities to establish close partnership with Turkmenistan, A. Tislenko put forward the relevant proposals for cooperation. The Director General of the Interbudmontazh Construction Association Business Partnership reported on the progress in implementing the projects in Turkmenistan.

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President of Turkmenistan receives top manager of Cotam Enterprises Ltd

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received the top managers of Cotam Enterprises Ltd Muammer Agim and his daughter Vice President Seda Genguru in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Thanking the Turkmen leader for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the top managers of Cotam Enterprises Ltd cordially and heartily congratulated President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on his birthday and expressed the wishes of good health, wellbeing and every success in his large-scale activity for the benefit of the Turkmen people.

Greeting and thanking the guests for the kind words, the President evaluated highly long-term fruitful cooperation with Cotam Enterprises Ltd and reaffirmed Turkmenistan's interest in continuing mutually advantageous partnership through using the available experience and in the contest of ongoing large-scale social and economic reforms President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov

During the meeting the top managers of Cotam Enterprises Ltd informed the Turkmen leader of the progress in implementing the projects in the country. In this context the President and his guests harmonized the plans for cooperation for the next few years and considered the aspects of implementation of the joint projects including in particular construction of a new building for 200 patients of the Yyly Suvw sanatorium in Ahal Velayat

Focusing on an intense interest in developing partnership with Turkmenistan, Muammer Agim reaffirmed the intention of Cotam Enterprises Ltd to considerably expand on the Turkmen market through actively collaborating in new large-scale projects initiated by the Turkmen leader in tourism industry and hotel business where the Turkish company could offer the profound expertise.

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President of Turkmenistan receives top managers of TX Oil Ltd

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received the top managers of TX Oil Ltd (Texas, USA), President Neil Mallon Bush and a member of the Board of Directors Mark Allan Bush.

Expressing gratitude for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the head of the TX Oil Ltd Company conveyed the heartfelt greetings of his father and brother, the ex-Presidents of the United States George Bush and George W. Bush, who had expressed the best wishes to the leader of the Turkmen state.

Thanking for the heartfelt wishes, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that he was glad to see the representatives of the famous Bush family who had had been inscribed in the history of the present-day United States, the friendly state that Turkmenistan viewed as one of the most promising strategic partners.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov stated that Turkmenistan attached paramount significance to steady intensification of the intergovernmental dialogue that had been given powerful incentives by both sides in recent years to develop in all fields. The Turkmen leader evaluated highly the significant role of the US business community in building fruitful business Turkmen-US cooperation in mutual interests on an equal and long-term basis. It was noted that this was illustrated by a dozens of important large-scale projects implemented in the past years in collaboration with American partners in various spheres.

During the meeting that turned into a constructive exchange of views on the prospects of partnership, the guests confirmed the company's interest in strengthening of its positions the dynamically developing market of Turkmenistan that attracted more businessmen from all over the world including largest foreign investors as well as world-renowned companies with profound expertise and advanced technologies.

Evaluating highly the profound potential of the Turkmen market that was conditioned by abundant hydrocarbon resources as well the favourable conditions created for foreign businesses, Neil Mallon Bush and Mark Allan Bush said that TX Oil Ltd specializing in the fuel and energy sector stood ready to actively collaborate in joint projects and take leading experts and advanced technologies to Turkmenistan to jointly develop local oil and gas resources

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President of Turkmenistan receives UN high-ranking official

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Officer of the Division for Economic and Social of the UN Secretariat Alexey Tikhomirov in his residence at the Serdar Hotel.

Thanking for the heartfelt, cordial welcome and traditional hospitality extended in the Turkmen land, the guest cordially congratulated Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on his birthday and expressed the best wishes of happiness, wellbeing and further achieving in implementing the fundamental reforms launched on his initiative in all critical spheres of the life of the Turkmen state.

Expressing gratitude for the kind words, the Turkmen leader noted that he was very glad to greet again the UN high-ranking official who invaluablely contributed to strengthening and expanding the constructive dialogue between Turkmenistan and this largest international organisation.

Focusing on the specific interest of the world community in independent neutral Turkmenistan that effectively put its own, unique model for national development in action, the guest underscored the significance of the Turkmen leader's conceptual article "Turkmenistan's Economic Strategy: with the people, for the people" that clearly defined the national development priorities for the next few years. It was noted that this rigorously substantiated, well-reasoned work translated in Russian, English, Arabic, Chinese and many other languages of the world had immediately drawn a wide response in the political and business circles of the planet and became a key to understanding of the national idea of new Revival and primary tasks set to the modern Turkmen society resolutely advancing along the path of progressive reforms and democratic changes clearly indicated by Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

The programme of Turkmenistan's social-economic development for the period till 2030 and reforms implemented in its framework - all this had led Turkmenistan to a new trajectory of substantial economic growth and integrated social development, A. Tikhomirov said emphasizing that due to the measures taken under the leadership of Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov Turkmenistan had managed to escape the worst consequences of the global financial crisis.

During the meeting the sides discussed various aspects as well as the prospects for multidimensional cooperation between Turkmenistan and the United Nations that acted as dependable and long-term partners in achieving the Millennium Development Goals that would be the focus of the regular session of the UN General Assembly, which would take place this autumn with the participation of Turkmenistan.

The guest said that the Department of Social and Economic Affairs had started drafting the assistance framework for the Government of Turkmenistan that envisaged in particular the specific programme for cooperation in retraining personnel, elaborating regulatory documents, etc.

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President of Turkmenistan receives UN Under-Secretary-General

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Sergio de Queiroz Duarte, who had arrived in the Turkmenistan capital to participate in the international conference on disarmament in Central Asia and the Caspian Sea Basin.

Thanking for the heartfelt welcome and hospitality extended in the Turkmen land, the UN high-ranking official congratulated the Turkmen leader on opening the large forum in Ashgabat on the initiative put forward by President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov at the 64th UN General Assembly. Underscoring the significance and timeliness of this initiative, the guest highly evaluated the active stand of Turkmenistan that profoundly contributed to global efforts to maintain peace and security across the world.

Greeting the high-ranking official of the largest international organisation, the Turkmen leader expressed sincere gratitude to the United Nations for supporting Turkmenistan's initiatives including ones to reduce arsenal of weapon of mass destruction in the region.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that Turkmenistan committed to the peace-loving foreign policy was able to use the status of permanent positive neutrality delegated by the UN member states to implement social and economic reforms aimed at improving the wellbeing of citizens of Turkmenistan, contribute to strengthening peace, stability and security at a global level and establish mutually advantageous cooperation with different countries and international organisations. This could be illustrated by the opening of the new in principle agency of the United Nations - the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia as well as the rich experience of fruitful cooperation with the UN agencies accumulated in the past years through implementing a number of important projects in various fields.

In a businesslike, constructive atmosphere the sides exchanged views on the prospects for widening fruitful, time-tested Turkmenistan-UN cooperation under modern conditions in such critical fields as disarmament cooperation.

Welcoming Turkmenistan's efforts to uphold the interests of the Central Asian states, Mr. Sergio de Queiroz Duarte expressed belief that the resolute steps taken by the Turkmen leader in this direction as well as social and economic reforms he had initiated throughout the country would open up wider opportunities for implementing Turkmenistan's peacemaking potential in full that directly met the interests of progressive humanity.

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President of Turkmenistan receives OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Kanat Saudabaev, Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Secretary of State and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest, who had arrived in Ashgabat leading a representative delegation to participate in the international conference of the Central Asian and the Caspian states on disarmament issues, conveyed the heartfelt greetings of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbaev, who had expressed the best wishes to the leader and people of Turkmenistan.

Underscoring the considerable importance of the forum, Kanat Saudabaev said that the Turkmen leader's initiative to hold the forum had been welcomed by the world community and became another vivid evidence of Turkmenistan's commitment to the policy of constructive cooperation for global peace, security and sustainable development. The guest said that the OSCE welcomed the peace-loving policy of Turkmenistan that it regarded as a strategic and dependable partner.

Greeting the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that implementing the foreign policy strategy based on the principles of positive neutrality, good neighbourliness and mutually advantageous partnership in common interests, Turkmenistan attached particular importance to cooperation with the authoritative international organisations including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The outcomes of this partnership that had intensified in recent years included a number of ongoing joint projects and programmes, the Turkmen leader said noting that Turkmenistan always stood ready to continue the constructive dialogue with the OSCE.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and his guest exchanged views on the possibilities and prospects for cooperation reaffirming the mutual readiness to intensify it in the whole spectrum. Emphasis was put on such a critical aspect as achievement of global security and stability. It was noted that the international forum in Ashgabat aimed at concerting efforts for the common benefit was to facilitate this process. The leader of the Turkmen state and the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office called for enhancing collaboration to combat modern challenges such as illicit drug trafficking, international terrorism and organized crime.

A focus of the conversation was the aspects of Turkmen-Kazakh relations based on the centuries-old traditions of friendship, mutual understanding and spiritual kinship between the two neighbouring peoples. Focusing with satisfaction on the high dynamics of the intergovernmental dialogue filled with a new content and quality today, the President of Turkmenistan and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan reaffirmed that the two states intended to foster full-scale cooperation through using its profound potential. Emphasizing that Turkmenistan viewed Kazakhstan as a true friend and dependable partner, the Turkmen leader expressed the heartfelt greetings to President Nursultan Nazarbaev and the wishes of peace and wellbeing to the neighbouring nation.

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President of Turkmenistan receives OSCE Secretary General

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, who had arrived in Ashgabat to participate in the international conference of the states of Central Asian and the Caspian Sea Basin on the disarmament issues.

The head of the authoritative international organisation congratulated the Turkmen leader on a great success of the forum that was evidenced by the representation of participants as well as the detailed, constructive exchange of views on the burning issues of regional and international politics regarding strengthening global peace and security that had taken place during the conference.

Emphasizing on the significance of this event that had become another illustrative evidence of the growing authority of Turkmenistan on the world arena, Mr. Marc Perrin de Brichambaut expressed belief that the forum held on the initiative of the leader of the Turkmen state would promote concerting efforts to develop interconsistent approaches to building positive cooperation for the benefit and sustainable development in the region and on the planet.

Greeting the distinguished guest and thanking for participating in the conference, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov stressed that pursuing the policy of friendliness, good neighbourliness and open doors, Turkmenistan implemented in practice the status of neutrality delegated by the international community to establish a broad dialogue with all countries to ensue global security and stability, to search for optimal solutions to global problems. In this regard the Turkmen leader reaffirmed that Turkmenistan stood ready to expand fruitful contacts with the large international organisations, in particular the OSCE that had the profound experience of cooperation with Turkmenistan.

During the meeting the President of Turkmenistan and the OSCE Secretary General exchanged the views on the prospects for further cooperation in various spheres and identified the major fields of collaboration in compliance with the bilateral priorities and objectives.

Mr. Marc Perrin de Brichambaut said that the OSCE was interested in maintaining the dialogue and implementing new joint projects with Turkmenistan noting that the OSCE completely supported the Turkmen leader's constructive initiatives including on such aspects as energy security and disarmament.

The guest underscored the role of the status of permanent neutrality of the Turkmen state standing as a positive factor for creating a climate of mutual understanding and confidence in one of the strategic regions of the planet. It was noted that due to the Turkmen leader's farseeing, progressive policy Turkmenistan demonstrated the rapid pace of development and actively participated in international affairs having earned the reputation as a very dependable partner.

In conclusion the President of Turkmenistan and the OSCE Secretary General expressed belief that long-term cooperation meeting the goals of strengthening global peace and progress would be successfully developed further.

Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat Arsim Zekolli attended the meeting.

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President of Turkmenistan receives Chairman of the Executive Committee – CIS Executive Secretary

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Sergey Lebedev, Chairman of the Executive Committee - Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States, who had arrived in Ashgabat to participate in the international conference on disarmament issues of the states of Central Asian and the Caspian Sea Basin.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest congratulated Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the opening of this representative forum in Ashgabat convened on Turkmenistan's initiative and aimed at building an effective international mechanism for addressing the disarmament issues at the global and regional levels. Sergey Lebedev said that pursuing the active, consistent policy of international cooperation, Turkmenistan demonstrated once again the strong and principled stand of a peacemaker country.

Greeting the guest, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that Turkmenistan as an associate member of the Commonwealth was invariably committed to maintaining the constructive dialogue with the CIS member states both in the bilateral and multilateral formats. Particular attention was paid to searching and developing new approaches to and forms of interstate collaboration on the whole spectrum of issues including such critical ones as disarmament and global security.

The Turkmen leader said that our country searched for and implemented new forms of interstate cooperation on the whole spectrum of critical issues that was illustrated by the Ashgabat forum aimed at developing participatory approaches to improving the international legal framework for disarmament.

During the meeting it was noted that the fruitful dialogue on the crucial issues in world politics maintained by Turkmenistan will all stakeholders was aimed at searching for and developing effective formats of international cooperation. In this context a priority was concerting disarmament efforts that the international conference hosted by Turkmenistan, a neutral state standing against any use of military force as an argument of international politics and urging the would community to take a responsible approach to this challenge, was to boost.

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President of Turkmenistan receives RF Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Andrey Denisov, who had arrived in Ashgabat to participate in the international conference of the Central Asian and the Caspian states on disarmament issues.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest conveyed the cordial greetings and best wishes on behalf of RF President Dmitriy Medvedev and RF Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who had expressed commitment to the traditionally friendly relations with Turkmenistan.

Deputy Minister A. Denisov said that Russia supported Turkmenistan's peacemaking initiatives aimed at concerting global efforts to achieve peace and security. In this context the guest focused on the timeliness and importance of the Turkmen leader's initiative to hold the international forum on disarmament issues in the Caspian Sea Basin and Central Asia.

Greeting the representative of the RF MFA, the Turkmen leader expressed the best wishes of happiness and every success in the important activity to the leadership of the Russian Federation and emphasized that partnership with Russia based on the centuries old ties of friendship and mutual understanding remained a key vector of Turkmenistan's foreign policy strategy.

The sides exchanged views on the current state and prospects of Turkmen-Russian cooperation brought to a higher level in recent years. Reaffirming that Turkmenistan and Russia remained committed to intensifying the political dialogue, the Turkmen leader and his guest discussed the priorities of further constructive partnership in both the bilateral and multilateral formats including in the framework of the international organisations.

Particular attention was paid to the implementation of the predecessor bilateral agreements aimed at intensifying interstate collaboration on the principles of equality and respect to mutual interests. The major fields of cooperation included the trade and economic sphere, the fuel and energy sector and the humanitarian field in which the profound positive experience of collaboration had been accumulated.

During the meeting the Russian diplomat congratulated heartily President of Turkmenistan, Academician of the Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Medicine, Professor Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the publication of the second volume of his book "The Medicinal Plants of Turkmenistan" and underscored the theoretical and practical value of the book for further development of Turkmen as well as world medical science.

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Meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov chaired a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers to consider the priority aspects of the foreign and domestic policies and the important issues of social, economic and cultural development of the country

Opening the meeting the Turkmen leader congratulated those present and the people of Turkmenistan on the coming holiday - the Day of Workers of Culture and Art widely and solemnly celebrated throughout the country.

Then the President gave the floor to Vice Premier, Minister of Foreign Affairs R. Meredov, who reported on the results of the recent visit of the official delegation of the People's Republic of China to our country and the outcomes of the international conference of the states of Central Asia and the Caspian Sea Basin on disarmament issues held under the aegis of the United Nations in the Turkmen capital recently.

Focusing on the high effectiveness of the Turkmen-Chinese talks in Ashgabat that illustrated the intention of the two friendly countries to steadily intensify fruitful cooperation in the trade, economic and humanitarian spheres, the Vice Premier said that the major outcomes included the agreement for further construction of the longest transnational gas starting from late 2010.

Noting that the discussion of the possibilities to increase 'blue fuel' exports to Chinese consumers had been initiated during the meeting between President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and PRC President Hu Jintao in Tashkent, R. Meredov focused on the significance of the top-level meetings that had become more frequent in the past years and gave a powerful impetus to foster the traditional intergovernmental dialogue successfully developed in both bilateral and multilateral formats including in the framework of the large international organisations.

Noting that the international conference on disarmament held in Ashgabat under the aegis the UN could be viewed as a landmark, historic event and a critical step to develop the dialogue, the Vice Premier said that the forum participants were unanimous that Ashgabat provided a platform for discussing topical issues that required concerted efforts of the world community and goodwill.

Showing satisfaction with the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov underscored the importance of steadily enhancing traditional mutually advantageous cooperation with China as one of Turkmenistan's strategic partners. The Turkmen leader said that the Turkmen people had always valued the unbreakable ties of friendship that bound the Turkmen and Chinese peoples and laid the firm foundation for bilateral cooperation invariably built on equality, mutual confidence and benefit focusing on the significance of the large-scale joint project for construction of the Turkmenistan-China gas pipeline that brought real benefits to the present and future generations of the friendly peoples of two countries and the entire region.

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President of Turkmenistan makes working trip to Ahal Velayat

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov made a working trip round the capital and to Ahal Velayat to see the progress and implementing the urban development projects in Ashgabat and the large-scale reform programmes launched in the regions of the country and to ensure the high living conditions and a new quality of life of citizens of Turkmenistan.

During the trip the President reviewed the draft designs of lighting columns and bus stops at the requests of Vice Premier D. Orazov, who is in charge of the construction sector, and Ashgabat Khyakim Sh. Durdalyev. The marble samples that would be used to face newly constructed buildings were presented to the Turkmen leader for review.

Focusing on the issues related to street illumination that is also an essential element of urban landscape, the Turkmen leader underscored the need to take every detail into consideration and apply a creative approach so that new original features would be added to the architectural look of Ashgabat. Upon reviewing the draft designs of bus stops that would provide comfort to passengers all seasons of the year, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov made the specific comments and suggestions emphasizing that such projects should be designed by applying latest engineering thought and technological advances. In this regard the President demanded that the high quality of work be ensured touching upon the urban development programme prioritizing development and modernization of transport and communication infrastructure implemented in the capital.

Then President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov arrived at the helipad from where the helicopter took him to Ahal Velayat. On board of the rotorcraft the Turkmen leader inspected the progress in seasonal agricultural works, in particular the harvest campaign, in Ruhabat and Geokdepe Etrap and Baharly Etrap.

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President Degree

The President of Turkmenistan issued the Resolution authorizing the Ahal Velayat Khyakimlik to conclude the contract with the Cotam Enterprises LTD Company (British Virgin Islands) for design and construction of a new building for 200 patients of the Yyly Suw sanatoria supplied with state-of-the-art medical equipment and improvement of the adjacent territory amounted totally to US\$ 17 million (without VAT). The document authorizes to commence construction works in July 2010 and put the facility into operation in October 2011.

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In accordance with the Order of the President of Turkmenistan Director of the State Agency of Hydrocarbon Management and Use under the President of Turkmenistan Ya. Kakaev will participate in the conferences organized by the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy "The Technical and Commercial Issues of the Trans-Caspian Gas Network" and "The Legal and Political Framework of the Trans-Caspian Gas Network", which will take place in Brussels (the Kingdom of Belgium) on 27-30 June, 2010.

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FATF recognizes Turkmenistan's progress

The decision to recognize Turkmenistan's progress in developing the national anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism system was adopted at the plenary meeting of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which had taken place on 25 June in Amsterdam.

Emphasizing that within a short period of time Turkmenistan had made a notable progress in this critical field as well as taking into consideration the membership of our country in the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG), the FATF plenary meeting also adopted the decision to recognize Turkmenistan as the country without any risks for financial operations.

The mass media all over the world reported the Plenary Meeting participants to note that Turkmenistan actively cooperated with the FATF and its regional agencies at the top political level as well.

Executive Secretary of the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) Igor Nebyvaev said that the results of the FATF plenary meeting reflected the work done by Turkmenistan: "The decision to include Turkmenistan in the EAG will let Turkmenistan complete establishing the anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism regimes in compliance with international standards in the near future that will facilitate its integration in the global financial system."

Reporting on the outcomes of the Plenary Meeting the foreign mass media noted that Turkmenistan took the active steps to develop the institutional framework of the national anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism system and improve the national legislation. The key role in this process is assigned to the Department of Financial Monitoring of the Ministry of Finance - the National Financial Intelligence Unit that was established early this year at a decision of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and effectively

fulfills the tasks. An additional positive factor in this process became the amendment introduced to the Criminal Code of Turkmenistan in compliance with international norms and standards this year.

The news that came from Amsterdam is another illustrative evidence of the active approach of the Turkmen state to addressing challenge of the modern world and the effective steps initiated by the national leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov to ensure peace, security, stability and sustainable development in the region. Having acceded to the international documents including the UN conventions against transnational crime and corruption, Turkmenistan stands steadfast to the commitments undertaken.

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Exchange news

44 transactions were concluded at the State Commodity and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan last week.

The businessmen from the UK, Iran and Afghanistan bought gasoline and liquefied gas produced at the Turkmenbashi oil refineries. Stove gasoline produced at Seydi oil refinery was the choice of the buyers from the Virgin Islands. The businessmen from Russia, the United States, the UAE and Uzbekistan bought carbon black and technical iodine (Turkmenhimiya State Concern). The transactions in the foreign currency were concluded for ginned cotton, cotton yarn, knitwear and bed linen, cattle skin, gray cloth and yarn, cotton waste, jeans cloth and articles. The buyer-countries: Russia, UAE, Switzerland, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Gibraltar, the Marshall Islands. The transactions concluded in the foreign currency totalled over US\$ 46.576 million.

The transactions concluded in deposit mantas totalled over 6.106 million manats. The businessmen from the UK, Turkey, Azerbaijan and the Virgin Islands bought refined cottonseed oil, from Kazakhstan - washed wool and dyed terry goods, from India, Belize, Hong Kong, the United Arab Emirates - cattle skin, from Turkey - gray yarn and cotton waste and gray cloth, from Switzerland - equipment and spare parts. The businessmen from Azerbaijan bought flannel.

56 transactions is the result of the auction held at the State Commodity and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan two week ago.

The businessmen from the United Kingdom, Iran, Tajikistan, the Virgin Islands and the British territory bought liquefied gas, gasoline A-92, hydrotreated diesel fuel, low-sulfur heating oil, substandard polypropylene including turkmenaglomerat and turkmensfera produced at the Turkmenbashi oil refinery. Stove gasoline, M-100 fuel oil and diesel oil produced at the Seydi oil refinery were the choice of the buyers from the UAE and Afghanistan. Carbon black grade A (produced by the Turkmenhimiya State Concern) was the choice of the businessmen from the UAE.

Also, the transactions in the foreign currency were concluded for ginned cotton, washed saraja and karakul wool, cotton yarn, treated cotton waste, one-coloured and jacquard towels, cotton lint, jeans gauntlets. The buyer-countries: Russia, Switzerland, Belgium, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein. Sweet products including caramel and biscuits were bought by the businessmen from the United Arab Emirates. The transactions concluded in the foreign currency totalled over US\$ 129.407 million.

The transactions in deposit manats were concluded for agricultural products for the most part. The businessmen from Russia, the United Kingdom, UAE, Turkey, India, Iran, Hong Kong, Belize, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan bought cottonseed oil, cotton cake, goat wool, wet blue semi-products. The buyers from Azerbaijan, Belize and Kyrgyzstan bought gray terrycloth and wadding. The transactions totalled over 29.21 million manats.

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Picture of the Week

