## Honorable Deputies, Esteemed colleagues, Dear participants,

It is my sincere pleasure to attend this valuable meeting that will enhance the desired cooperation level and will help us all to be more optimistic about our future. In the name of the TURKPA Secretariat, I would also like to express my gratitude to the organizers for this platform of discussion.

- It is a well-known fact that the Turkic World has played a critical role throughout history in enabling political, economic and cultural interaction between the East and the West, in vast geography stretching from Europe to India. Following the restoration of independence, Turkic States entered a period of comprehensive cooperation, building stronger and sounder relations, and designing their common future together.
- TURKPA has been a crucial step in terms of bringing the elected representatives of Turkic States and acted as an important forum for interparliamentary dialogue.
- As we all know, a common regulatory framework is a basis for successful integration processes and TURKPA, being the multilateral platform of interparliamentary cooperation in the Turkic world, has so far contributed immensely to the development and strengthening of political dialogue among the Turkic States by means of parliamentary diplomacy, strengthening equal and mutually beneficial cooperation with other countries and international organizations, enhancing socioeconomic, political, cultural, humanitarian and legal relations.
- Youth is an important factor in the unity of the whole world. The term youth, reflecting dynamism and potential, is used together with the concepts of progress and development in the world.
- In this regard, youth are estimated as actors taking society to the future. The youth play an important role in the administrative, executive and legislative branches of our countries. All countries wishing to become an integral part of the democratic process give importance to the youth.
- One of our main aims is to bring together ideas and thoughts of youth in order to contribute to the increase of bilateral and multilateral relations, analysis of common interests, peace, mutual understanding, security, tolerance and democratic development.

- At the same time, it is of significance to support young decision-makers to consolidate the international efforts in the frame of parliamentary assemblies and to contribute to the creation of appropriate opportunities for the young decision-makers to realize their potential aiming to establish a common future in solidarity and promote values coming from common history, culture and geography.
- As you may know, we held the first meeting of the TURKPA Young Parliamentarians Group in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. The meeting was held with great success and had fruitful outcomes.
- It was attended by the head of the group, Mr. Eldos Abakanov, a member of the Milli Majlis of Kazakhstan; Mr. Ulan Bakasov, a member of the Kyrgyz Jokorku Kenesh; Mrs. Zeynab Yildiz, a member of the Turkish Grand National Assembly; Members of the Parliament of Uzbekistan Mr. Sherzod Rakhmanov and Azamjon Tulabayev; deputies of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan Mr. Aliabbas Salahzadeh and Anar Mammadov.
- As the main purpose of the meeting was to foster the development and unity of the Turkic youth and strengthening and development of friendly relations between all Turkic states. The attendees met with Mr. Yerlan Koshanov, Chairman Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Askar Umarov, Minister of Information and Social Development of Kazakhstan, and Mr. Ashkhat Oralov, Executive Secretary of the ruling party AMANAT as well to discuss such issues.
- After the discussions on the theme, the recommendations were adopted to be presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the TURKPA in Cholpon-Ata.
- It is important to gather young leaders through such conferences who will promote peace, friendship, stability, political, economic and cultural cooperation as well as, the process of rapid development of interstate relations in the future.
  - Strengthening personal friendships and good relations among today's young leaders will have a very positive impact on our countries in the future.