

**SHUSHA DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE HIGH COURTS
OF THE MEMBER AND OBSERVER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC
STATES**

We, the Chief Justices of the High Courts of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States,

Gathering on 19 October 2023, at the first meeting of the Chief Justices of the High Courts of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States, hosted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in the city of Shusha, the cradle of civilization and the cultural capital of Azerbaijan and the entire Turkic world,

Confirming the commitment to the supremacy of the rule of law, protection of human rights and further promotion of democracy,

Acknowledging the need for greater cooperation and deepening of relations among the judiciaries of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States with the purpose of advancement of justice,

Highlighting the importance of exchanging views and experiences on the matters of shared interest that will contribute to the promotion of a sustained cooperation among the Turkic States,

Expressing their intention to institutionalize the cooperation among the High Courts of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States,

Have agreed as follows:

1. Establish an independent and non-political organization named "*Conference of the High Courts of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States*" (hereinafter referred as "the Conference") that should serve as a platform for the exchange of views, best practices and ideas, as well as for discussing issues of common interest in the judicial system and court administration;
2. Convene the sessions of the Conference on a regular basis in accordance with its Statute;
3. Create a Working Group at expert level consisting of the representatives of the High Courts of the Members and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States to prepare the draft Statute of the Conference for its further adoption;
4. Hold the second meeting to be hosted by one of the High Courts of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States in 2024 in order to adopt the Statute of the Conference and decide on the organizational matters of the Conference.

Signed on 19 October 2023 in the city of Shusha, Republic of Azerbaijan in seven original copies, each in the English language.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan:

Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Kyrgyz Republic:

First President of the Court of Cassation (Yargıtay) of the Republic of Türkiye:

President of the Council of State (Danıřtay) of the Republic of Türkiye:

Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

President of the Supreme Court of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus: