

**Statement by ECO Secretary General,
Ambassador Khusrav Noziri
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**Your Excellency Mr. Serdar Berdimuhamedov, Honourable President of Turkmenistan,
Your Excellency Mr. Rashid Meredov, Honourable Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan,
Honourable UN Representative in Turkmenistan,
Distinguished Participants,**

It is, indeed, a privilege and honour to share my thoughtfulness on this very important International Conference.

The event’s theme is quite relevant especially in the current era of competitiveness and the increasing trends of aggression. There is an absolute link between peace and progress. Without peace, the idea of progress remains beyond perception.

Relevantly, the approach that advocates for maintaining the process of dialogue is always positive. Moving forward to this direction will ensure guaranteed peace.

I congratulate the Government of Turkmenistan for hosting this conference, as well as my earnest gratitude to His Excellency President Serdar Berdimuhamedov for his kind support and patronage in this regard.

I also thank and felicitate the United Nations’ Office in Turkmenistan for their continued collaboration with the country, as well as efforts, activities and contribution towards this great global cause.

Mobilizing the international community for an amicable environment of peace and trust is a genuine need of the time and dynamic move to enhance the scope of multilateral cooperation, based on supportive measures to secure sustainable peace, harmony and solidarity amongst the nations.

I believe that the continued adherence to this generous approach is, with no doubt, a key to progress, prosperity and development across the globe. I do understand that the expanded multilateralism and consolidated approach of nations’ integration can be quite influential and effective to develop an ultimate culture of peace and trust in the greater context.

Development of synergies and joint actions with global and regional stakeholders can rightly aim at achieving consolidated peace and deepened reconciliation in the countless interest of the societies.

Culture of Peace is an absolute part of Turkmen's identity. Elements such as harmony and benevolence are among the core values of Turkmenistan. The strategy to reflect these values in Turkmenistan's foreign policy of permanent neutrality is beautiful. This is the right manifestation of peace and creation of trust as well as an encouraging factor for all.

Turkmenistan is a very important ECO Member State and I am very much happy to note the country's continuously increasing role, together with the United Nations, to create conducive conditions for the continued promotion of global peace and trust. The country's strong commitment to this end is reflected in its receptivity to host and organize a number of events that carry global importance and magnitude.

The Economic Cooperation Organization shares similar approach for the promotion of peace, standing with global community in this direction. We completely agree with the idea that dialogue is an ultimate choice to attain perpetual peace on the earth.

We support all international efforts for conflict prevention, sustainable development, protection and promotion of human dignity and rights, social inclusion as well as any such moves and endeavours to secure culture of peace and dialogue.

Concluding my remarks, I thank the Government of Turkmenistan and the United Nations in Turkmenistan for inviting me to participate in this very important conference. I believe that the outcomes of this event will make further advancements towards the promotion of international peace for the collective progress of the nations.

Thank you for attention.
