

**ADRESS
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AT THE 66TH SESSION OF
THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Esteemed Mr. Chairman!

Esteemed Mr. Secretary-General!

Esteemed Heads of the Delegations!

Ladies and gentlemen!

I sincerely greet and congratulate you on the opening of the 66th session of the UN General Assembly.

I congratulate esteemed Nassir Abdulaziz al-Nasser on his election as a Chairman of the UN General Assembly and express confidence that General Assembly under his leadership will work successfully and fruitfully. Allow me to convey my gratitude to esteemed Mr. Josef Dice – Chairman of the 65th session for his effective activity on this post.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would also like to congratulate once again Mr. Ban Ki-moon on his election to the post of the UN Secretary-General and wish him great successes.

Esteemed Mr. Chairman!

Ladies and gentlemen!

As it was in past years, this forum is the continuation of the process of the formation of the adequate approaches to the complex phenomena of the modern world, search of the appropriate answers to the questions having global significance. It becomes more evident there is a demand for the systemic measures based on the clear definition of the aims, vision of their perspective implementation and the choice of effective international mechanisms.

Turkmenistan formulates these goals as follows: peace through the development.

Today these concepts cannot be considered separately. It is exactly that the direct relations between peace and development opens wide possibilities for the consolidation of the political will, intellectual and material resource of the Nations Community.

This is important for the sake of establishment of sustainable, stable and, at the same time flexible and balanced modern system of the international ties in politics, economy and humanitarian

sphere. This large-scale issue and responsibility for its implementation, we are convinced, first and foremost, lie on the United Nations. Hence, Turkmenistan by forming its approaches to the issues of achievement of firm peace and security, implementation of the development Goals, realization of the humanitarian cooperation.

Considering fundamental condition of ensuring of long-term peace and strategic stability of the efficient abidance of the UN Charter, Turkmenistan pursues steady and purposeful policy of peace, good-neighbourliness and actively encourages peaceful processes. We absolutely reject military forces as an instrument of foreign policy and intergovernmental relations.

We believe that the solutions by the armed forces do not have perspectives, eliminate sources and reasons of contradictions and in most cases do not create conditions for giving adequate answers to many questions arising in postconflict periods.

In this regard Turkmenistan attaches paramount importance to the regulation of any situations by peaceful means and methods. In this context and compliance with the fundamental documents of UN we suggest in this session to start the elabo-

ration of a Declaration on priority introduction of political and diplomatic tools in solving international issues with further its consideration at the UN General Assembly. To our point of view, adopting such a Declaration will considerably allow decreasing the probability of using forced methods in solving contradictions in intergovernmental relations; reduce the risks concerned and threats for general stability and security.

At the regional level we have proposed a number of initiatives on maintaining peace and stability in Central Asia and in the area of the Caspian Sea basin. These initiatives were welcomed positively. In our opinion, the next step must be taken to arrange a Representative Forum on the security in Central Asia and Caspian Sea Region. Turkmenistan suggests hosting this event next year. We believe the establishment of an Advisory Council on peaceful development in Central Asia and the Caspian Sea region may become as one of the political outcomes of the Forum.

Esteemed Mr. Chairman!

Talking of the necessity of ensuring security in a global scale we mean not only its political

component. Global security is considered as a comprehensive whole based on indivisibility and whole range of key factors defining the vectors of today's world development.

This is the solution of economic, energy, ecology, food and humanitarian issues. Today is obvious that the global security cannot be provided unless peace and consent at the national and regional levels are reached.

Hence, Turkmenistan aims its efforts at the maximum promotion of the processes of sustainable development, attaining Millennium Goals, creation of efficient models of multilateral reciprocal action for the solution of urgent international issues. Reliable and stable transit of energy resources at the international market is one of issues stated.

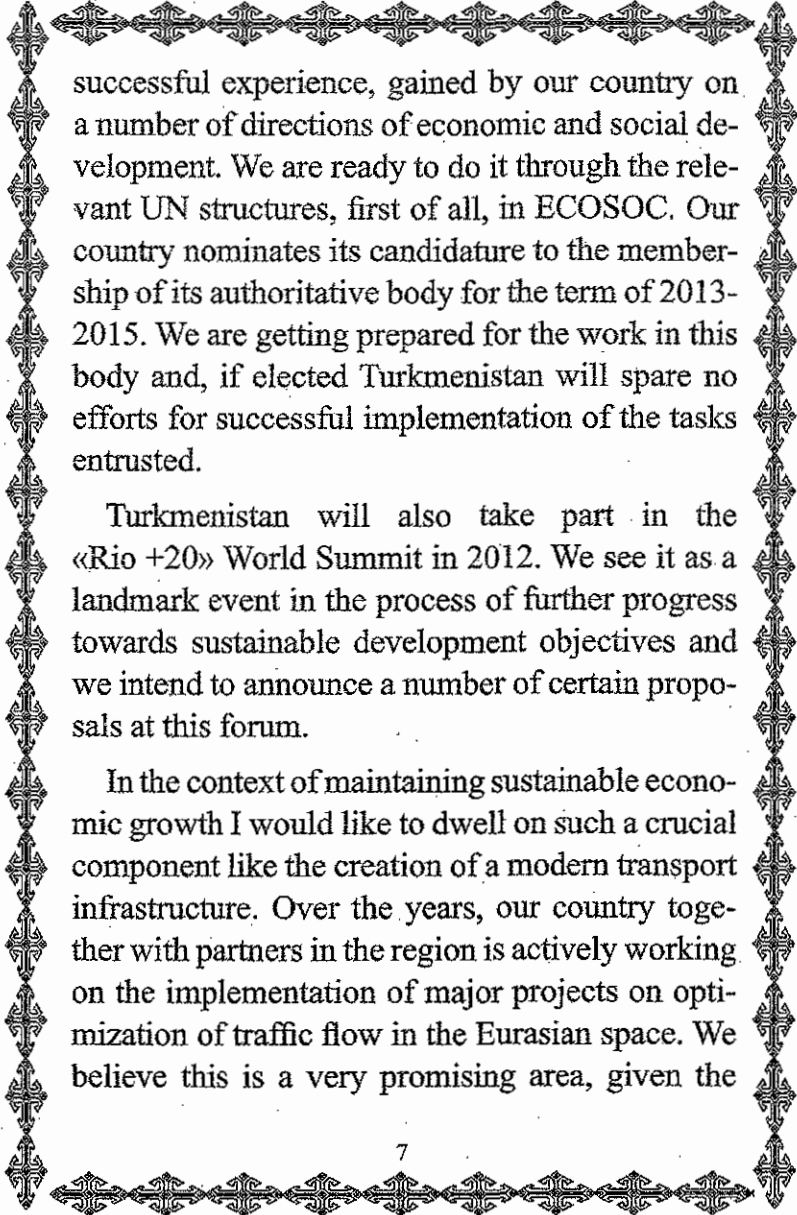
Our proposals on the matter received support from the world community which was reflected in General Assembly's relevant resolution approved in 2008. I believe there has come the time to start the development of concrete measures on the settlement of energy transportation issues.

With the view of joining the efforts of the UN member-states taking an active part in the for-

mation of international-legal foundation in the sphere of energy supply Turkmenistan considers it appropriate to create a new mechanism – Interregional energy dialogue under the UN aegis, supposing the Organization will actively promote establishing of an essential format of cooperation – transparent and open for all. We see the states of Central and South Asia, Caspian Sea, Black Sea and Baltic regions, Russia, China, EU and that of Middle and Near East, all states, companies, international financial institutions concerned to be amongst its participants.

The UN member-states' acknowledgment of generality of long-term aims of development and readiness to jointly achieve their implementation acts today as a determinant for sustainability of the global economic system.

Serious effects of world financial and economic crisis once again evidently demonstrated the necessity of uniting efforts on formation of viable models and realistic plans with an account taken of the interests and needs of all the states of the world. Turkmenistan is going to take an active part in this process, contribute to the exchange



successful experience, gained by our country on a number of directions of economic and social development. We are ready to do it through the relevant UN structures, first of all, in ECOSOC. Our country nominates its candidature to the membership of its authoritative body for the term of 2013-2015. We are getting prepared for the work in this body and, if elected Turkmenistan will spare no efforts for successful implementation of the tasks entrusted.

Turkmenistan will also take part in the «Rio +20» World Summit in 2012. We see it as a landmark event in the process of further progress towards sustainable development objectives and we intend to announce a number of certain proposals at this forum.

In the context of maintaining sustainable economic growth I would like to dwell on such a crucial component like the creation of a modern transport infrastructure. Over the years, our country together with partners in the region is actively working on the implementation of major projects on optimization of traffic flow in the Eurasian space. We believe this is a very promising area, given the

huge potential of the «North-South» and «East-West» corridors.

Their effective use capable of giving a powerful impetus to economic and trade relations on a continental scale. We suppose that the UN could play an important role in coordinating the establishment of international cooperation in the field of transport. In this regard, within the margins of the current session Turkmenistan suggests starting of the development of the UN Special Programme on the Development of Transport including the study of transit and transport opportunities among the Caspian and Black Seas, Central Asia and the Middle East.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The environmental sphere is the priority direction of international cooperation of Turkmenistan.

We respect the initiatives and decisions taken at the summits on climate change issues in Copenhagen and Cancun.

We are looking forward to continue a constructive international dialogue on this issue in November this year at the Meeting in Durban.

We are convinced in the necessity of joining efforts in this area at global, regional and national levels; coordination of actions of each UN member-state.

Referring to abovementioned, I would like to emphasize that Turkmenistan is currently preparing a large-scale document – the National Strategy on Climate Change, after adoption of which, we are ready to submit to the relevant UN agencies as a contribution to our common work.

We believe that during the current session in the context of a closer multilateral cooperation it is possible to start the formation of systemic mechanisms in this sphere.

To do this, Turkmenistan proposes to establish a specialized institution – the UN Interregional Center to address issues related to climate change. We are willing to provide for it's functioning with all necessary infrastructure in the capital of Turkmenistan – Ashgabat.

The most important question, that goes far beyond the regional boundaries – the environment of the Caspian Sea. Here we are also convinced of the need to give specific content to internatio-

nal efforts to preserve unique natural resources of the Caspian Sea. In this regard, we propose to organize the Caspian Environment Forum as a permanent body to deal with environmental issues in the Caspian basin, as well as to make appropriate proposals and recommendations.

Dear Ladies and gentlemen!

Achieving sustainable development is directly related to the decision of humanitarian issues, support for natural human rights, opportunities of one's personal fulfillment, the desire for deserved and full-fledged lives.

In this regard, our country will continue its cooperation with UN structures with humanitarian focus for further implementation of UN conventions in human rights field.

As a permanent member of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner for Refugees, Turkmenistan will actively promote the implementation of measures aimed at their protection and support.

We consider it useful together with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to carry out a work on learning from Turkmenistan's experience regarding the granting the citizenship for refugees and stateless persons and to organize for this purpose the International meeting involving all stakeholders in Ashgabat in 2012.

Dear Mr. Chairman!

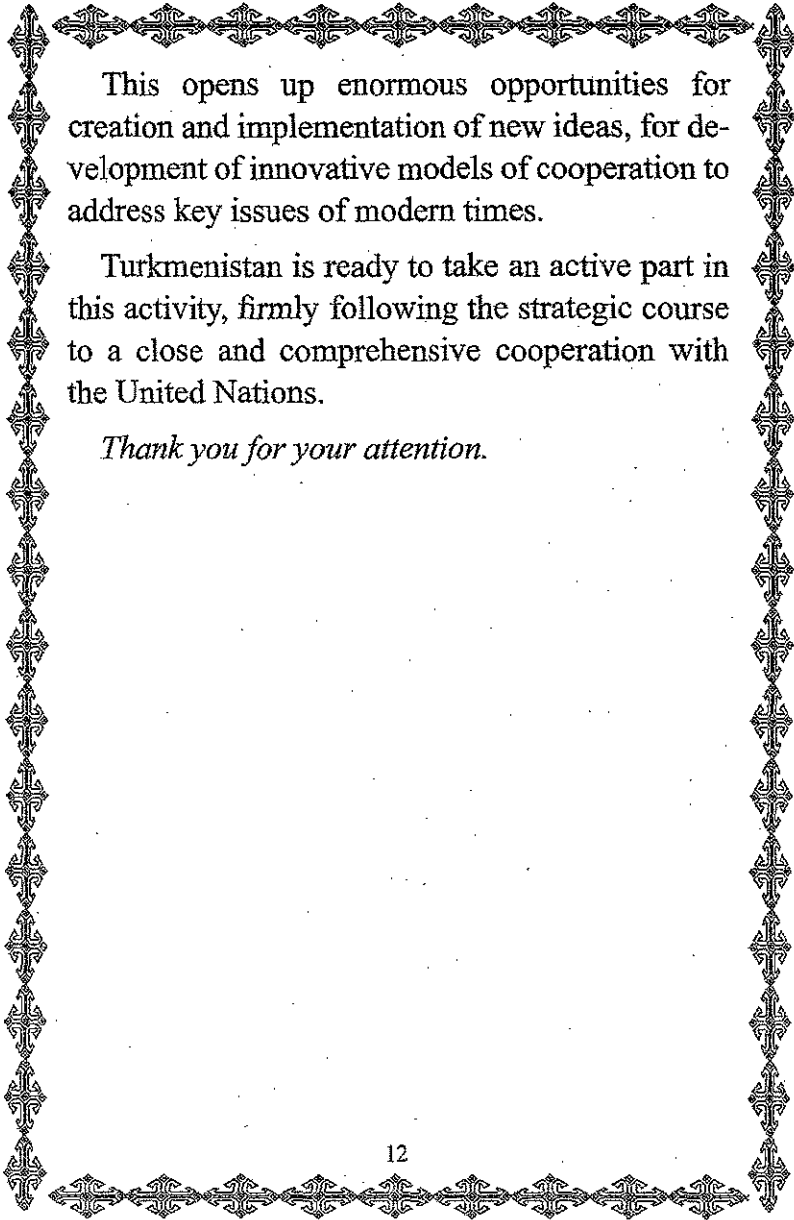
Dear members of delegations!

Challenges facing our Organization – are complex and ambitious. But they are realistic and achievable, because we have a common goal – to make the world a better, fairer, and more humane.

We are united by common values and shared responsibility. We are united in our endeavor to move forward.

We rely on the vast experience gained by the UN over decades, as well as on will, intellect and wisdom of the Community of Nations. This all include the terms of our overall success.

Today, each country makes its own unique contribution to the development and progress of mankind.



This opens up enormous opportunities for creation and implementation of new ideas, for development of innovative models of cooperation to address key issues of modern times.

Turkmenistan is ready to take an active part in this activity, firmly following the strategic course to a close and comprehensive cooperation with the United Nations.

Thank you for your attention.