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OFFICIAL NEWS

The President of Turkmenistan convened an online working session

On February 22, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session with the participation of some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, General Director of the «Türkmen atlary» State Association, khyakims of velayats and Ashgabat City to give consideration to the primary tasks of the country's socioeconomic development, to the implementation progress of the seasonal agri-works, and other focal issues of the state life.

Opening the online session, the head of state came into at-a-time contact with the khyakim of Ashgabat City Ya. Gylyjov and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdyliev (in charge of the capital).

Chief Head of the capital's administration has reported on the current situation in the city, measures taken for accelerating completion of the under-construction projects, for improvement of social and living conditions of the citizens, as well as for revamping and refurbishing up Ashgabat.

The reporter informed about the development of Culture Program of measures and events timed to the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat foundation. The Program includes music festivals, creative contests and expositions dedicated to the achievements of the Motherland and its capital.

The Vice-Premier has also reported on the upward rates of construction of the objects in Ashgabat and in the country in general, as well as on the measures undertaken by the departmental structures for development of industrial and social projects and preparations to the remarkable dates.

Summing up the reports, the leader of nation has expressed dissatisfaction about the condition of works implemented in the main city of the country and level of preparation to the upcoming important events in the life of our society. President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has strongly exhorted to take all measures to ensure high organizational level of the festivities on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat. The upcoming festivities are to reflect the impressive achievements and successes of the epoch of power and happiness, the leader of nation added.

Concrete presidential assignments to the khyakim of Ashgabat were centered on exercising of unremitting control over maintaining of efficient functioning of heating systems in the residential buildings, schools and kindergartens, as well as over trouble-free supply of energy to the facilities and organizations of the capital.

Necessitating ensuring high quality of all works implemented in the main city of the country, especially construction of different objects, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has demanded to pay primary attention to completing new objects in compliance with the scheduled timeframes, as well as to harmoniously combine in the architectural face of the city the national architecture traditions and advanced tendencies in that sphere.

Then, the leader of nation got connected with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev (in charge of the AIC) and chief heads of velayats.

The khyakims' reports covered the present state of arable lands, agri-measures taken for fertilizing and vegetative irrigating the fields planted to wheat, as well as preparation to the spring cotton-sowing campaign. Necessary measures are undertaken to ensure readiness of agricultural machinery and equipment to the coming season; spring sowing of potato, onion and other vegetables is ongoing.

In addition, it was reported on the integrated measures undertaken for timely solution of the running year's tasks and fulfillment of the works in the frames of the "Program of the President of Turkmenistan on the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025" and the National Rural Development Program.

Detailed information was presented about taking practical measures aimed at speeding up construction rates of the facilities, which are planned to be opened on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's sacred independence, and at systematic improvement of living conditions of the population in velayats.

Not the least important is to ensure comprehensive preparation to the cotton sowing campaign. To conduct the campaign in the optimum timeframes, proper care should be taken of the efficient operability of farmstead machinery and equipment, provision of farmers with all necessary resources, the President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted.

Besides, of great importance is to exercise strict control over the qualitative implementation of agri-technical measures including fertilization and vegetative irrigation of the fields planted to wheat, over appropriate care of the fields planted to spring potato, onion and other crops, the head of state stressed.

In addition, the khyakims of velayats were exhorted to thoroughly prepare the land plots and seedlings for the spring tree-planting and landscaping campaign.

Creation of all conditions for successful fulfillment of the cocoon-production contractual obligations by silkworm-breeders the leader of nation has sorted out as the task of paramount importance.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also ordered to keep under unremitting control the efficient functioning of the velayats' engineering-technical systems, including heating systems of social objects.

Having highlighted the necessity of timely completion of works in the frames of the "Program of the President of Turkmenistan on the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025" and the National Rural Development Program, the head of state has emphasized the importance of well-timed completion of the objects, which are planned to be commissioned on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence.

In the course of the online session, the leader of nation has avowed the decisions on appointing deputy khyakims of a number of etraps.

For shortcomings in work, the leader of nation has relieved A. Durdyev of the post of khyakim of Mary velayat and appointed S. Gylyjov to this post.

Having signed the relevant documents, the head of state sent them to khyakims of velayats via the electronic document management system.

Continuing the session, the leader of nation has listened to the online report of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev, who informed about the current situation in the AIC structures and implementation progress of the seasonal agricultural works.

Proceeding to the Cabinet-level reshuffle issues, the head of state has appointed A. Ballyev as Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Environment Protection for Agricultural Machinery and Equipment, and B. Orazmammedov – as Deputy Minister for Environment Protection and Land Resources of the within-named Ministry.

Continuing his report, Vice-Premier E. Orazgeldiyev has presented the construction project of the 600-horse stable (15.4 hectare total area), which will be built in Gyokdepe etrap (Akhhal velayat), to the head of state for consideration. In the complex, all conditions will be created for breeding of thoroughbred Akhalteke horses, as well as for science-based studying of characteristic features of the breed.

Taking into account that in the running year, National Turkmen Horse Holiday would be celebrated in Mary velayat, the Vice-Premier has reported on the planned works for reconstruction of the Mary Equestrian Complex and demonstrated the relevant drawings and projects.

Necessitating paying close attention to the qualitative and well-timed fulfillment of the planned construction works and modernization measures, the leader of nation gave specific assignments to Vice-Premier E. Orazgeldiyev and General Director of the «Türkmen atlary» State Association A. Berdiyev related to exercising strict control over the fitting out of the would-be facilities in tune with modern requirements.

Then, General Director of the «Türkmen atlary» State Association A. Berdiyev has reported on preparation work and festive program of events and activities dedicated to National Turkmen Horse Holiday to be held in Mary velayat and the capital.

The races of junior jockeys, 6 various distance races, as well as the races of proficient jockeys will be held in the Equestrian Complex of Mary velayat; show jumping competitions will be held in the Ashgabat Equestrian Complex; and the long- distance race will be held in the territory of Ak Bugday, Akhal velayat.

The results of the traditional contest "Most Beautiful Akhalteke Horse of the Year" and of the contest for artistic reflection of the beauty of Akhalteke horses in the works of fine and decorative-applied art, printing media, photos, and on TV channels will be announced in the Akhalteke Horse-Breeding Complex of the President of Turkmenistan.

The races of the horses notable for their speed and swiftness will also be held in the final day of National Turkmen Horse Holiday at the International Akhalteke Equestrian Complex. Together with sport competitions, the program includes musical and staged performances, and other festive events.

The head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the officials concerned to show most responsible and comprehensive approach to the issues related to holding the holiday measures at a higher and better level in terms of organization and content, in tune with the creative spirit of the new historical epoch.

The President of Turkmenistan has also focused on the importance of science-based studying of the characteristic features of behavior and colors of steppe horses, which live in the wild in Balkan velayat, and on carrying out an effective work in this direction.

In this regard, it is necessary to focus on defining the goals of using in the historical aspect of steppe horses (which live in separate herds), and on scientific studying of these circumstances, the leader of nation said, having addressed concrete assignments to the officials concerned.

Further, Vice-Premier Ch. Gylyjov has reported on taking measures for improvement of the country's foodstuff safety, provision of abundance of various productions, and on the input of national entrepreneurs to successful solution of the tasks in this direction.

It was informed that on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's sacred independence, members of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union have prepared for commissioning 6 modern hothouse farms: in Kaahka and Ak Bugday etraps of Akhal velayat; in the town of Turkmenbashy, Balkan velayat;

Gyorgly etrap, Dashoguz welaýat; Charjew etrap, Lebap welaýat; and Sakarchaga etrap, Mary welaýat.

The leader of nation has noted that provision of food abundance, supply of markets with various vegetables and fruits in sufficient volumes are the main requirements of the times. Special attention should be paid to the export of the excess food production and strengthening of the home-made goods positions at the foreign markets, the head of state highlighted, having addressed concrete assignments to Vice-Premiers Ch. Gylyjov and E. Orazgeldieyev and khyakims of welaýats.

Finishing the online working session, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has extended to its participants wishes of great success in labor.

The President of Turkmenistan got acquainted with the activity of the Digital Systems Center

On February 23, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov visited the Digital Systems Center to get acquainted with the Center's work on solution of the priority tasks in the digitization sphere.

Provision of cyber-security of information-communication systems in the ministries and core departments, as well as in their structures, and local administration authorities is the main trend of the Center's activity.

In compliance with the Regulations "On the State Commission for Cyber Security" approved by Resolution of the President of Turkmenistan, the systemic measures are taken for tackling the tasks ensuing from the State Cyber Security Program and its Action Plan for 2017-2021.

Turkmenistan has adopted the Law "On the Electronic Document, Electronic Document Management System, and Digital Services", as well as a number of documents on establishing in the ministries and sectoral departments of electronic document management systems and Internet websites in ministries and profile departments. As a result, plenty of websites have been posted and registered in the country.

On the basis of the Institute of Telecommunications and Information Technology, «Sanly çözügüt – IT meýdança» business entity was established. Its specialists receive orders on introduction of digital systems and launch these systems into operation.

Provision of security of informational base is among the tasks of utmost significance. In this regard, the head of state has noted the importance of making necessary conditions for strengthening of the logistics base of the sector and its staff-training work.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the necessity of systematic improvement of the activity of the State Cyber

Security Service, which was opened under the "Türkmenaragatnaşyk" Agency.

In this context, of great importance is the Law of Turkmenistan "On Cyber Security", which is aimed at protection of the sovereignty, interests of the country, prevention of threats to network security, as well as at provision of public order, legal rights and interests of organizations and citizens.

The urgency of the Law, which was developed on the initiative of the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, is determined by wide spread adoption in Turkmenistan of the processes of digitization. New technologies, electronic services have become an integral part of daily life of the society. Intellectual systems, which fundamentally change the organization and management of production processes, are applied in the activity of the government bodies and all industries of the national economy.

Special attention is paid to enhancement of the gamut of communication services rendered to Turkmenistan citizens, to creation and promotion of the national software programs and products, training of young IT specialists and improvement of their professional level.

Arrangement of the Center's work for provision of cyber security at the modern level, further modernization of its activity in tune with world practice are very urgent in the context of realization of the Concept of the digital economy development in our country. Therefore, special attention should be paid to intensification of the work in this direction, the President of Turkmenistan said, having addressed a number of specific instructions to the officials concerned.

Focusing on the importance of activity of the State Cyber Security Service under the "Türkmenaragatnaşyk" Agency, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has sorted out the Service's major tasks – realization of the country's cyber security policy, centralized control, coordination of the work of cyber security teams.

Having outlined a number of other tasks in this sphere, the head of state addressed the relevant assignments to the Vice-Premier, State Security Council Secretary.

The President of Turkmenistan conducted the session on revamping the capital's image on the occasion of the upcoming 140th anniversary of Ashgabat

On February 24, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov visited the capital's khyakimlik to hold the session on revamping the capital's image on the occasion of the upcoming 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, as well as to get acquainted with architectural designs of the would-be objects erected in the capital and

their neighborhoods improvement, including construction of the relevant engineering and road-transport infrastructure.

At the session, presentation was held of the drawings and views of objects, which are to be built in pursuance of the presidential assignments in the frames of the “Ashgabat-City” urban development program in the northern part of the Turkmen capital.

Among the architectural projects presented, the “Ashgabat-City” project – a complex of modern cottages of the 17th phase of the Ashgabat Redevelopment Program erected at the bank of the “Altyn köň” Lake – looked sufficiently conspicuously.

The projects of buildings of the M. Kuliýev Turkmen National Conservatory, special musical school, art and culture school, conference- and concert hall, hostel for students, indoor sport complex, and outdoor sport ground were also submitted to the head of Turkmenistan for review.

Having examined the projects, the President of Turkmenistan has necessitated creating of every condition necessary for creative work, getting the youth involved in the world of art, upgrading the art and culture objects with modern equipment and digital technologies. In this regard, the relevant presidential assignments were given to the officials concerned.

During the presentation, the leader of nation was also informed about the implementation phase of the projects and construction of “Tashkent” Park, International Recreation-Rehabilitation Center, and International Scientific- Clinical Physiology Center, new building of the Turkmen State Architectural and Construction Institute, and other social facilities in the Kyoshi residential zone, which are included in the 18th phase of the Ashgabat Redevelopment Program.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the importance of using of qualitative and eco-friendly construction materials, application of organic combination of the national architecture principles and advanced modern practice.

Given the fact that our capital is today a recognized center of hosting international business forums, it is necessary to pay special attention to construction of business objects. In this regard, modern requirements and high international standards are to be taken into account during construction of the “Ashgabat” Business Complex.

Optimum solution of the issues related to revamping of Ashgabat social infrastructure lays the foundation for the capital’s further harmonious development. Therefore, all conditions are to be created for urban population’s creative work, comfortable rest and sports. These aspects are to be considered during development of new construction projects, the leader of nation noted.

Further, in the khyakimlik, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held a session on further development of the white-marble Turkmen capital.

The floor was given to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber, member of the State Security Council S. Berdymuhamedov, who reported on the measures taken in the context of preparation to the celebration of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat and 30th anniversary of the sacred independence of the Motherland, on exercising the appropriate control over the scheduled completion of construction and other works at various facilities, which are planned to be commissioned on the occasion of the remarkable dates.

In the comments on the report, the head of state has noted the importance of showing comprehensive and well-thought approach to the issues of further development of the capital, development of the construction projects on the basis of wide spread adoption of digital system, innovative technologies and advanced achievements in the sphere of architecture and design. Not the least important is to take into account the location sites of new facilities, which are to harmoniously blend in with architectural ensemble of the main city of the country.

Concentrating attention on preparation to the future festivities, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the officials concerned to strengthen control over situation at the construction sites, provision of high quality of works at the facilities planned to be commissioned and launched in the timeframes set.

It was also informed that the relevant Plan of cultural and public measures and events has been developed in association with specialists of the Ministry of culture, Ashgabat Administration, core ministries and departments.

The Plan includes conducting of XX International Universal Exhibition “White City – Ashgabat”, art contests, concerts, cultural and public events, opening ceremonies of various facilities and modern residential buildings, organization of sport competitions and horse races, etc.

Besides, program measures are undertaken for posting of photo and video materials, articles about the white-marble capital through TV and radio channels, websites, and their extensive coverage in the international mass media.

The online meetings would be held with the heads and staffers of cultural and art spheres of foreign sister cities of the Turkmen capital on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat.

It is planned to finalize «Ashgabat bahary» short-film festival on May 21. It was also informed about drafting of the sketchy emblems by the State Art Academy in honor of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, which have been presented to the leader of nation for review.

The President of Turkmenistan has noted that on the occasion of the remarkable date it is necessary to organize demonstration of achievements of our white-marble capital, to provide high artistic level of fine-art works, celebration events and art contests whose substance and content are to be in tune with the spirit of the times.

Having studied the drafts of the emblem dedicated to the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, the head of state has highlighted that from artistic point of view and by its significance the emblem is to meet the requirements of the times.

Necessitating applying comprehensive approach and advanced technologies to the decoration of the capital in honor of the glorious date, the leader of nation gave a number of concrete instructions.

In the course of the pre-holiday activities, special commissions and work plans were developed in the Youth and other social organizations of the country.

It is planned to hold exhibitions and conferences, contests in the high education schools, cycling race with participation of students as well as various sport competitions among the secondary school students. Moreover, celebration forums, promotional and awareness-raising events united by the theme “Ashgabat – in the Guinness Record Book” would be organized.

Highlighting special educational and patriotic importance of events timed to the 140th anniversary of the capital among the youth, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has advised to conduct in schools and preschool facilities (with a glance to the age structure of young Turkmen citizens) the lessons on revealing the role of Ashgabat in the latest history of the Motherland.

Not the least significant is to use the historical places and monuments of the capital for organizing expositions dedicated to the study of history and popularization of achievements of Ashgabat, as well as art contests and other educational activities dedicated to the remarkable date. It also makes sense to organize interesting meetings with the participation of young Ashgabat citizens, the contests of children’s drawings, musical performances, and poetry recitations, which demonstrate deepness of our feelings to Ashgabat, the leader of nation said.

Summing up the outcomes of session and addressing its participants, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that the capital of our independent neutral Motherland determines to a large extent the authority of the country. White-marble Ashgabat is a city brightly demonstrating the dynamics of economic and political development of our sovereign state, high level of culture and spiritual life of the society and its intellectual potential.

The original edifices, enhanced-comfort apartment houses, straight avenues and streets,

parks, wonderful complexes of monuments enhance the beauty of Ashgabat, turning the city into the pearl of the East. Therefore, 11 facilities of our capital notable for their distinctive unique architectural design have been registered in the Guinness Record Book.

At the same time, up to now, there are many deficiencies in the activity on revamping of Ashgabat and enhancing of its beauty. Thus, some failures are admitted in fulfillment of the city-revamping Resolutions of the Government, which specify all works and volumes of their funding, the head of Turkmenistan has stated.

In this regard, addressing Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev and khyakim of Ashgabat administration Ya. Gylyjov, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that despite the fact that there is little time left until the celebration of 140th anniversary of the capital, the preparedness rate to the anniversary date is quite unsatisfactory. In this context, the head of Turkmenistan was displeased to note low quality of construction works in the city and the works on maintenance of cleanness in the capital.

There is a scarcity of refuse bins in the streets; the conditions of concrete curbs on the roads and streets as well as condition of asphalt leave much to be desired; organization of care of trees and green plantations does not meet the requirements.

Pending the subject, the leader of nation has stated that proper attention is not paid to observance of order, sanitary standards and clean condition of roads inside the micro-districts; washing of vehicles is made in the places not designated for this purpose.

The head of state has also pointed to the haphazard arrangement and placement of public transport stops, which creates inconveniences to the passengers and, at the same time, makes negative impact on the image of the city; the multi-level bridges, bus stops, under- and overpasses are to be convenient for the population and fully meet the requirements of modern urban life, which are not fulfilled at a proper level, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted.

Together with construction of residential buildings and other edifices and objects, little attention is paid to creation of green zones; insufficient is construction of new and reconstruction of the existing sport and children playgrounds. In general, necessary conditions for comfortable and active leisure of people, including children, for sport exercises, provision of ecological wealth, are not made in the capital, the leader of nation said.

Works in urban districts for planting trees in the streets, parks and public gardens are not satisfactory; decoration and development of protocol roads, major part of which is located in the territory of Kopetdag etrap, leave much to be

desired; almost all etraps of the capital, especially inside the old residential complexes, are poorly arranged and disordered.

Neighborhoods of some residential houses are improved not in the proper way; some sections of roads are not lighted; the cases have place of electric power cuts in apartment houses.

Though up to now there are plenty of old houses in the city with service life expired, the city's khyakimlik doesn't solve the issue, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stated; below standard is control over construction of objects and observance of ecological requirements; untimely construction wastes are removal from construction sites, which entails dustiness of atmosphere in the city.

The leader of nation has also demanded from the head of the capital's administration and the Vice-Premier in charge of Ashgabat to provide control over decoration of roads, placement of the relevant traffic signs and informational displays in sufficient amount in the streets of the city.

Addressing Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov and M. Mammedova as well as Minister of Culture A. Shamyradov, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized that poor control is exercised over condition of urban cultural and educational facilities, which is not satisfactory at present; the parks of the city are not developed and decorated; poor attention is paid to the condition of the monuments.

Insufficient are the activities dedicated to the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat conducted in the cultural and educational institutions and organizations; very few articles and historical materials related to the date are published in the mass media, the head of state said.

Further, the leader of nation has highlighted that in a few years the renewed Ashgabat has changed beyond recognition. However, the articles about the historical way made by the capital are released very rarely in newspapers and magazines.

Addressing the top-level officials participating in the session, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that they will be personally responsible for the above-mentioned shortcomings. In this regard, the head of state has reiterated that advanced innovative technologies are to be used during all works carried out in Ashgabat and in ensuring efficient workability of all life support systems of the capital. All of these are to be taken into account in the plan of the city's development.

The head of Turkmenistan has highlighted that the jubilee of Ashgabat is to become an unforgettable event in the life of citizens. All chief heads are to take all necessary measures to hold the festivities devoted to the remarkable date at a higher and better level in terms of organization and content.

The leader of nation has also informed that in run-up to the holiday, on May 24, a grand ceremony would be held of awarding the people whose meritorious labor invested considerably to the development of the capital. On May 25, the ceremony will be held of laying foundation of a new residential district. That same day, launching of the new hotel "Garagum" will be held.

Finishing the session, the President of Turkmenistan has extended wishes of great success in labor to the participants of the session.

The head of state had a meeting with Mejlis deputies

On February 25, in the Ruhyet Palace, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov met with the country's deputy corps to concretize the tasks assigned to the National Parliament and major lines of its future law-making activity at the next stage of the independent Turkmen state development.

Prior to the meeting, the head of state held a session with the chief heads of Mejlis, political parties, and social organizations to exchange opinions on the key tasks of the independent neutral Motherland's further development in 2021 – the year proclaimed in the country under the slogan «Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust.»

The Mejlis leaders informed about the ongoing comprehensive work to successfully implement the presidential assignments aimed at modernizing of the national legislation, explaining in the frames of the social-political measures conducted among the population of the importance of achievements gained in the era of independence, as well as at intensifying of international cooperation, and applying the best practices in the activities of Parliament.

The heads of social organizations have informed about their activities, including practical steps taken by the members of trade unions and the Women's Union to protect the legitimate rights and interests of citizens and women.

It was also reported about the measures undertaken by the Magtymguly Youth Organization to cope with the tasks set by President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov on activating the work among the youths and wide engaging them in the significant events in the social life.

Particular accent the leader of nation has placed on the importance of issues related to streamlining of the legislative and executive bodies' activities, adopting and implementing of the important legislative acts and efficient measures undertaken by the democratic institutions of the civil society.

It is necessary to show a responsible approach to the issues of celebrating the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence. At the same time, not the least significant is to make maximum efforts to tackle the tasks enshrined in the Program

of the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025, and other state plans, the leader of nation stressed.

Further, the leader of nation has held a meeting with the parliamentary corps of Turkmenistan.

After welcoming the people assembled, the head of state has addressed a keynote speech to the participants of meeting. It is customary with the Turkmen people – prior to setting to a responsible work, to consult with the people, be guided by their opinion, the leader of nation noted.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted particular importance of the running year for all of us. In several months, the country will celebrate the remarkable dates, which take an important place in the national calendar: the 140th anniversary of our white-marble capital – Ashgabat, and the glorious 30th anniversary of the country's independence.

Despite the financial-economic downturn in the global economy, in the past year the pretty good work was kept doing in the country for implementation of new economic reforms, wide spread adoption of modern technologies and digital systems in all areas, formation of the innovative-industrial clusters, enhancement of international partnerships, and further intensification of investment activities, the head of state said.

As a result, a stable dynamics of economic growth has been ensured, and its competitiveness has been strengthened; concrete measures have been implemented to achieve high levels in the industry and investment, social sphere, and in raising the welfare of the population.

The present session would not touch upon the issues of the country's economic situation and international issues, which were previously discussed at the special working meetings with industry leaders and at the enlarged session of the Cabinet of Ministers devoted to the 2020 outcomes, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted. The tasks related to further improvement of the domestic legislation would be in the focus of meeting.

With a glance to the interests of the state, society and every person, the national legal system is being modernized in tune with the times. However, the results of the last year's legislative work, which was accomplished by Mejlis deputies in association with the Cabinet of Ministers, relevant ministries and sectoral departments, are in general unsatisfactory, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stated.

As it was emphasized, today the world is changing at a rapid pace. The humanity is experiencing a global recession due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has become the biggest disaster in the last century.

The monthly pandemic-induced global economic damage is about US \$400 billion; as of

today, 500 million jobs have been lost worldwide; in addition, the deterioration of the ecological situation in the region and on the planet is of utmost concern.

We continue to work together with neighboring countries and the world community to minimize the consequences of the ecological cataclysm caused by the drying up of the Aral Sea, but the situation is still difficult. Hence, we have every right to expect taking of prompt and concrete measures by the parliament deputies to respond to these circumstances, including the preparation and adoption of the appropriate legislative acts, the head of state said.

Focusing attention of the meeting participants on the issues of primary importance, the President of the country has strongly advised to the Mejlis to qualitatively improve the level of the entire legal platform and, first of all, to develop the laws that directly determine the present and future of our country as a socially-oriented legal state. This is applicable to such key areas as economy, health, education, employment, and wages, social guarantees.

As the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized, further prosperity and welfare of the people, increase of our independent Motherland's economic potential are among the main tasks of the "Program of the President of Turkmenistan on the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025".

In this context, it is necessary to work out legal fundamentals of the reforms enshrined in the Presidential Program, adopt new legislative acts and update the existing laws, the head of state noted.

Supporting the entrepreneurial initiatives of citizens, it is necessary to motivate investment activity; the state-owned property is to be privatized and joint-stock companies are to be established, the head of Turkmenistan said.

The laws regulating these relations are to be improved and updated, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stressed.

The work is to be kept going for wide use of the private sector potential in all spheres despite the unfavorable phenomena in the global economies and difficult financial-economic situation. It is also necessary to pay special attention to rendering governmental support to the business and stable development of the financial-economic system, the leader of nation said.

At the same time, the head of state has necessitated doing full-scale work for efficient use of public funds, regulation of the budgetary-tax and monetary-credit relations, motivation of investment activity, and development of financial markets.

Improvement of the business-favored legislation for encouraging of manufacturers of import-

substituting products and creating of additional jobs are also among the trends of top priority of the national parliament's activity.

Not the least significant today is wide spread adoption of innovative technologies in various segments of the national economy to increase its competitiveness, creation of the well-functioning electronic industry, and the blurring the difference between the city.

A special role in this is assigned to digital systems, which, in turn, requires the development of information-communication systems, high quality and reliability of information services, full-scale use of human intellectual potential.

In this aspect, to advance the digital economy, it is necessary to systematically modernize its legislative base, the head of state said.

The leader of nation has noted that today, our country has turned into a strategic transport-logistics hub of the region and the continent. In addition, the industrial development of deposits of natural raw resources and their processing, production of the high-added-value finished products is today a key direction of the national economy.

Therefore, it is necessary to provide optimum legal conditions for attracting investments, improve the system of registration of enterprises, motivate creation of joint ventures equipped with advanced technologies and producing competitive products, expand the international trade-economic relations.

To this end, it is necessary to regularly improve the national legislation, and in particular, to develop a draft Law of Turkmenistan "On the state registration of legal entities".

Unremitting attention should be paid to improvement of the legislative acts on establishing of free economic zones and ensuring their fruitful operation.

Among the key directions of the National Parliament's law-making activity the leader of nation has sorted out: protection of right and freedoms of citizens; protection of their health; provision of the sanitary-epidemiologic wealth of the population; observance of the social moral principles; ensuring of social law and order; protection of private property, legal interests of personality, society and the state.

It is relevant to amend and addend the Code of Turkmenistan "On administrative violations".

It is also necessary to update and adopt new edition of the Arbitration Procedure Code, having studied modern experience of considering disputes in the arbitration courts, the leader of nation noted.

With a glance to modern requirements, it is necessary to continue the work over updating of the Civil Code, having included in it the norms of the international private law.

At the same time, the head of state has stressed the importance of updating and adopting new

editions of the Laws of Turkmenistan "On combating money laundering, funding of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction", "On prevention and elimination of emergency situations".

Addressing the deputies of National Parliament, the leader of nation has noted that they should closely interact with the political parties and social associations; involve them in the work on improving the country's legislation; hold joint meetings with farmers and student youth in order to study their opinions and wishes.

Together with Women's and Youth organizations and with the participation of female lawyers, it is necessary to intensify the work among women and girls. The Mejlis should establish strict control over implementation of laws on gender equality, the head of state said.

Of no less importance is to systematically make analysis and improve the laws related to protection of health of citizens, including the legal acts determining the legal, organizational, economic and social fundamentals of the infectious and non-infectious diseases prevention.

Pending the social theme, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized the systemic nature of the policy for improvement of living conditions of the population. To increase the well-being of the people, the salaries of employees of budgetary organizations, self-supporting enterprises and public organizations, pensions and state benefits, students' and listeners' scholarships increase by 10 percent annually in the country.

Continuing this work in the future, special importance should be attached to the laws aimed at strengthening of the legal basis of reforms in the field of social protection of citizens, the head of state said. In this regard, it is necessary to update the Labor Code.

To improve and strengthen the legal principles of family relations, the Family Code of Turkmenistan is also to be updated in tune with the times and national mentality.

Special attention should be paid to preservation of the national traditions and customs, history, culture, regulation of legal relations in this area. It would be advisable to develop a draft Law of Turkmenistan "On Creative Unions".

To further advance the education system in tune with modern trends, strengthen its legislative base, it is also necessary to carry out the appropriate work on updating of the Law "On Education", the leader of nation said.

The President of Turkmenistan has stressed that energy diplomacy plays a key role in the foreign policy of our independent state. On the basis of our initiatives, the General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted the Resolution on ensuring stable and reliable supplies of energy resources to the world markets.

With the launch of the first national artificial satellite, wide opportunities and conditions have appeared for establishing of the telecommunication system that meets world standards, for raising the quality of television and radio channels. Much is being done to provide our citizens with high-speed Internet, postal and other services.

In this regard, it was noted that to regulate the legal interaction of the postal service system, the rights and obligations of the parties of postal business, as well as the authorities of state bodies, it is necessary to upgrade and update the legal base of the sector.

Addressing the parliamentarians and members of the Cabinet of Ministers, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that modern power plants were built in all regions, and the existing ones were reconstructed due to attraction of foreign investments.

Thus, the energy independence of our country has been ensured. At the same time, Turkmenistan has become an energy-exporting state. Priority directions for development of the national energy sector are outlined for the coming decades; and the measures to strengthen the position of our country in the global energy structure are specified.

To strengthen the legal framework in this direction, the head of state spoke of advisability of adopting the Law “On the Renewable Energy Sources”.

Continuing the environmental subject, the President of Turkmenistan has necessitated updating of the Law “On hunting and hunting management”, which would determine the legal, economic and organizational fundamentals of work in this area.

The President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also emphasized the importance of work to preserve the ‘heavenly’ Akhalteke horses, increase their population, revivify the noble horse-breeding traditions, study and further develop the horse-breeding sphere.

The upward advancement of international cooperation in this area requires updating and amending of the Law of Turkmenistan “On horse-breeding and equestrian sports”.

We attach special importance to creation of food abundance in our country, to providing the population with ecologically clean products, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov emphasized. Continuing the topic, the leader of nation has noted that today not the least significant is to use new organizational and legal forms in the agri-industries in accordance with international experience, time requirements, and national characteristics. The efficient and rational use of water and land resources is among the very important tasks too.

In this regard, the Mejlis deputies are to carry out the necessary work to improve the Water

Code, as well as the Law “On the State Land Cadastre”, the head of state said, being confident that these laws would invest in creating of the legal framework for fundamental reforms in agriculture.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized that independence has opened up new opportunities for establishing friendly relations with foreign countries. In this context, the work is ongoing for rendering all-round assistance to the efforts of international community in ensuring peace on the planet, global security, and sustainable development.

As you know, on the initiative of Turkmenistan, the United Nations adopted the Resolution on proclaiming the year 2021 under the slogan «2021 - International Year of Peace and Trust.»

Speaking of this, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that in the year proclaimed in the country under the slogan «Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust,» the reforms should be carried out aimed at implementing the international obligations assumed by our neutral state.

It is necessary to thoroughly study the international legal standards in the international treaties, agreements and conventions, which Turkmenistan is a member of. In this case, the main task is to carry out the work on legislative buttressing of the foreign policy of our neutral state.

In particular, it is necessary to update and amend the Laws “On Diplomatic Service”, “On legal status of foreign citizens in Turkmenistan”, “On Migration”, and “On Migration Service.”

Moreover, the Mejlis is to systematically continue the work to ensure the legal framework of the country’s international relations.

The leader of nation has noted that improvement of the local administration authorities’ activity, provision of fulfillment by Gengeshi and social structures of the territorial bodies of self-government of the responsibilities fixated in the Constitution and Laws of Turkmenistan are one of the main tasks of the ongoing constitutional reforms.

Improvement of the electoral legislation and electoral system of the country are to be in the focus of attention of Mejlis. Thus, updating of the Election Code is yet another important task of Mejlis, the head of state said.

Addressing the deputies and members of the Cabinet, the head of state touched upon the plans for the country’s further development.

At the last year’s September session of Halk Maslakhaty, the important tasks were avowed related to improving public administration and society, the activities of the representative and legislative bodies of the state power. The present phase of transformations is aimed at strengthening the democratic, legal and secular fundamentals of

the state and society, creating sustainable political institutions.

Today's transition of the legislative body of state power of the country on a qualitatively new two-chamber parliamentary system is an important historical event in the social and political life of our state.

In general, all of these create ample opportunities for our citizens to participate in governing the state and society – through representative bodies; on the basis of free exercising of their constitutional right to elect and be elected.

Referring to the upcoming elections of members of Halk Maslakahty Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that they differ fundamentally from those held earlier. These elections are called «not direct» and are being held in our country for the first time.

The head of state has also noted that due to its creative activity, the Mejlis of Turkmenistan, in a very short time, has carried out a pretty good work to improve the electoral legislation.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Law “On Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan” was adopted; the normative-legal acts ensuing from the Law were developed; and the amendments and addendums were introduced to the Election Code. All of these will enable to hold elections at a higher and better level in terms of organization.

With the participation of Mejlis deputies, political parties, representatives of social organizations and relevant specialists, it is necessary to carry out the awareness-raising and advocacy work on explaining to the population the significance of the upcoming elections, organize meetings and speeches on the TV and radio channels.

Thus, adhering to the democratic norms of free competition, openness, freedom of speech and ideas, we will hold elections of members to Halk Maslakhaty Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan on March 28, 2021, the leader of nation noted, having thereto highlighted that rich experience accumulated by our society and state then and now is an invaluable contribution for upward advancement.

Summing up the session, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has expressed confidence that the work of Halk Maslakhaty Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan would be based and guided by the generally-admitted norms of international law, respect for the equality of man and citizen before the law, their rights and freedoms, free discussion and decision-making, accounting of the public opinion on the basis of democracy, transparency, justice, and the supremacy of law.

Speaking of the preparations to the countrywide celebrating of the 30th anniversary of sacred independence, which in this year is held under the slogan «Turkmenistan - Home of Peace and

Trust”, the head of state has emphasized that strong foundations of democratic, legal and secular state have been created over a short historical time frames.

Over that period, the age-old material and spiritual values of the state, independence, lofty humanistic traditions of the people, which are passed from one generation to another, have been revived.

We may boast of the valuable experience of friendly relations with foreign countries and international organizations, which serves for peace, general well-being and sustainable development.

Over the years of independence, Turkmenistan has proved the fundamentality and effectiveness of the chosen path of national development; at the international level, the country has forwarded the important political, economic and environmental initiatives; our country has won global name recognition and turned into the powerful and dynamically developing state with long-term development-favored goals.

The head of state has noted that the Program of Measures to be implemented in the country and abroad on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of independence of Turkmenistan, 25th anniversary of permanent neutrality, and on the occasion of proclaiming the year 2021 under the slogan «Turkmenistan - Home of Peace and Trust» has been approved.

According to the Program, to make the world community aware of the Turkmen statecraft experience, it is necessary to propagandize by all means and methods the historical significance of transformations that have taken place during the years of independence in the life of the country, of the international authority of our state.

The Mejlis should clearly outline the main directions of work carried out on this occasion by political parties, social organizations, and the country's media.

The present image of our Motherland should fully be revealed in the events held on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of sacred independence and in the works of literature and art.

Each of us, by our hard work, is to contribute their share to turn our Motherland - independent neutral Turkmenistan - into the more prosperous and powerful state, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov emphasized.

The speech of the head of state was heard with great enthusiasm and was received with thunderous applause.

Further, the head of state gave the floor to the head of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan G. Mammedova.

Having expressed deep gratitude to the President of Turkmenistan for his constant attention, assistance and support of the Mejlis work, the Speaker of the Parliament has stated that

the presidential remarks on the shortcomings in the Mejlis activity are just; not the least significant are the presidential proposals on improving the legislation, efficiency of parliamentary work, and the new responsible tasks set.

The Mejlis Chairperson has assured the leader of nation that the deputies, relying on the principles of just and humanism inherited from our ancestors, will do their utmost to modernize the legislative system of the country.

As you can see, we face very big and responsible tasks. Their successful tackling will be a worthy present to the 30th anniversary of our Motherland's independence, a significant contribution to the comprehensive prosperity of our native land.

This year, proclaimed as the Year of Peace and Trust, we, with boundless pride for our Motherland, will confidently achieve the great goals and high milestones set. After all, our independent neutral state is the country where the desires come true, the land of prosperity and happiness, the President of Turkmenistan stressed.

«Onward, onward, only onward, my native land - Turkmenistan!» the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said in conclusion, having extended to the meeting participants wishes of good health, family well-being, happiness and great success in their responsible work.

Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

On February 26, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online session of the Cabinet of Ministers to discuss the priority issues of the state life.

First, the head of state gave the floor to the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, MFA Minister R. Meredov, who reported on the measures taken for furthering interaction of Turkmenistan with the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Organization.

At present the work is ongoing for preparation of the Turkmen side's participation in the 14th top-level session of the ECO, which will be organized by the Turkish Republic in the online format on March 4, 2021.

In the running year, Turkmenistan will take over the chairmanship of the ECO. To successfully cope with the mission, a draft of the relevant Concept was worked out, centered on the key tasks of the Organization.

To tackle the tasks and activate our country's activity in the ECO, an appropriate work is to be accomplished on a number of topical directions. In particular, it is proposed in the running year's March to organize a visit to Turkmenistan of the ECO Secretary General to discuss the issue on holding in Ashgabat on ECO Day of the 15th top-level session of the Organization.

Among the priority directions of activity in the period of Turkmenistan's presidency in the ECO there are: raising the efficiency and diversification of the interstate interaction; implementation of joint projects; optimum realization of investment possibilities. All of them are aimed at strengthening of friendly relations between the states and peoples.

In this regard, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov gave to the Vice-Premier, MFA Minister concrete assignments on implementing of the organizational and other works, including the activity on preparation of the Turkmen side's participation in the upcoming Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization.

Reporting on the state of affairs in the spheres answerable to him, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev informed about implementation of the presidential assignments on effective unleashing of the energy sector untapped potential.

In this regard, the Energy Ministry carries out the relevant work on diversification the routes of exporting the Turkmen energy abroad, including to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the importance of work on the energy sector's infrastructure further modernization, increase of its production capacities, and optimum realization of its export possibilities.

Having confirmed Turkmenistan's readiness to advance mutuality-based cooperation with foreign partners in the energy sphere, the head of state gave the relevant assignments to the Vice-Premier.

The report of the Vice-Premier covered also implementation of the measures on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat City foundation. The Vice-Premier has also presented for consideration of the leader of nation the Plan of festivities and measures in honor of the remarkable date, as well as a draft of the relevant Resolution.

The President of the country has also highlighted that over the recent years the white-marble Ashgabat won high authority as a very nice and neat town notable for its favorable conditions for the life of the people. Therefore, the festivities on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the capital are to become unforgettable.

The leader of nation has also noted that the ceremony of decorating the workers and specialists with state awards for their many-year meritorious labor and contribution to the development of Ashgabat is to be held at a high level.

Pending the subject, the leader of nation has noted that in honor of the confluence of holidays – Ashgabat City Day and the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat foundation – 400 new comfortable buses will be enacted in the capital, and servicing of passengers will be free of charge on that day.

The leader of nation has also strongly advised to show comprehensive approach to conducting the festive measures, assigned to increase the meaningfulness of that glorious date in the life and history of Ashgabat.

The head of state was also pleased to note that our capital dynamically develops, its borders enhance, and its population grows. In that aspect, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that it would be symbolically to name the boy first-born on May 25 as Paitagt or Ashgabat, and the girl – Merjen or Maya. It will be an original declaration of love for the capital, respect for its history, and pride for the happy life of the people.

Noting that donation of gifts to the newborns will be unforgettable moments for the families, the leader of nation has addressed concrete assignments to the officials concerned.

The state of affairs in agriculture, the implementation progress of agri-reforms, efficient use of land and water resources were in the center of the online report of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev.

In the frames of the Program of the President of Turkmenistan for the country's socioeconomic development in 2019-2025, integrated measures are taken for rational use of water resources, creation of additional water reserves, land salinity control, and improvement of soil conditions of agricultural fields.

Having outlined a number of current objectives, which are assigned to more actively unleash the existing potential of water resources management sphere, promote streamlining of the sector, the leader of the nation gave specific instructions to the Vice-Premier on wide spread adoption of modern irrigation methods with a glance to the natural and soil conditions of the country, on amelioration of arable lands, , further modernization of technical fleet of the State Water Resources Management Committee.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov has reported on work in the spheres answerable to him and submitted for consideration of the head of state the draft Order on awarding monetary gifts to the women of the country on behalf of the President of Turkmenistan on the occasion of International Women Day.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted that establishment of conditions for happy life of our fellow countrywomen, keeping and continuation of wise traditions of the ancestors in new epoch are the priorities of the state policy of Turkmenistan.

Having signed the document, the leader of nation directed the document and instructions on implementation of the Order to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document workflow system.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on preparation to

the exhibition and online conference of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union dedicated to the 13th anniversary of the organization with participation of velayat members of the IEUT, which will be held on March 17.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has recommended demonstrating the IEUT's achievements and potential in the exposition and festive events on the occasion of 30th anniversary of Motherland's independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported on preparation of the events on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Concerts, thematic round table sessions, exhibitions, meetings and advocacy events are included in the holiday program on the occasion of the holiday, which is observed in the first spring month of the year "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust" in Ashgabat and velayats of the country.

The results of "Woman of the Year" and "Talyp gözeli – 2021" contests will be summed up; the ceremony of conferring the honorary title "Ene mähri" on the women with many children and awarding them with the keys from comfortable apartments will take place.

Art master will perform in the concert program in the Mukams Palace of the State Cultural Center; sSong and music festival «Berkarar döwletinň bagtyýar zenanlary» will be held in the Trade and Industrial Chamber.

Having listened to the report, the head of the state has highlighted the importance of the beautiful spring holiday – International Women's Day of March 8.

In the years ahead, the government would continue making all conditions for the women could live freely and happily, work, receive education and specialty, bring up true patriots, the leader of nation has highlighted in his assignments to the Vice-Premier on organizing all festive events at a high level, in the atmosphere of lofty spiritual enthusiasm.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the work for connecting of the second line to the railway across the "Dostluk" Bridge on the Turkmen-Iranian border.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldyniyazov has reported on keeping work going on creating of the Children Organization of Turkmenistan "Altyn Nesil".

This organization, which would unite the 7-14-year-old school students, is founded on the initiative of the head of state for instilling in young Turkmenistan citizens the feeling of patriotism, for revealing and motivation the talents of children.

The Vice-Premier has presented the samples of the "Altyn Nesil" relevant certificates developed

by the Ministry of Education to the President of the country for consideration.

In the comments on the report, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the significance of activating the work for upbringing, education, formation of socially active positions and comprehensive reveal of various talents of the growing generations. In this regard, the relevant assignments were given to the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Having approved the samples of certificates, the President of the country gave instructions to the Vice-Premier to continue the work in this direction.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Abdrahmanov has reported on the situation in FEC structural divisions and on the work on increasing the volumes of oil production.

It was noted that the State Concern “Türkmennebit” carries out drilling of exploration and operational wells at the “Northern Goturdepe” field, and the State Corporation “Türkmengeologiýa” drills the exploration wells in the lower level sediments. Development is in progress of the new deposit “Uzynada” in the west of the country.

Based on the 2D seismic surveys made by the State Corporation “Türkmengeologiýa”, the State Concern “Türkmennebit” has started drilling of the 6,300-meter exploration well at the “Southern Uzynada” field.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the importance of the today’s task – to raise efficiency of the oil/gas complex, which is assigned to make significant input to the social and economic development of the country.

The presidential concrete instructions to the Vice-Premier are centered on rapid industrial development of new promising oil and gas fields, improvement of the industry’s resource base, modernization of its infrastructure on the innovative basis. Besides, the leader of nation has exhorted the Vice-Premier to exercise permanent control over the scheduled timeframes of large projects implementation, including the construction of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India transnational gas pipeline.

The relevant presidential instructions were also given on attracting in the country’s FEC of additional investments, enhancement of the interest-based cooperation with foreign oil/gas companies notable for their vast experience in the energy sphere and wide spread adoption of advanced technologies.

At the session of the Cabinet of Ministers, consideration was given to some other matters of the state life, on which the relevant decisions have been made. , were reviewed at the session of the Cabinet of Ministers.

ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW

* In compliance with Article 30 of the Law of Turkmenistan «On Legal Acts», President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov signed the Ukase on introducing addendum to the Ukase of the President No. 1077, November 29, 1993 «On State Due».

* In compliance with Articles 30-31 of the Law of Turkmenistan «On Legal Acts» and with the List introduced to the document, President of Turkmenistan, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed with addendums Forces of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov signed the Resolution on introducing the amendments and addendums to some regulatory legal acts of the President of Turkmenistan and recognizing some of them as invalid.

* The President of Turkmenistan signed the Ukase “On instituting of the Turkmen Alabay Hoiday”, which will be annually celebrated on the last Sunday of April together with the National Turkmen Horse Holiday.

* The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on establishing of the Government Commission to ensure holding of the festivities and measures on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the city of Ashgabat at a better and higher level in terms of organizations and content. The Commission’s composition and the Plan of celebrations and holiday events were approved.

* According to the Resolution of the President of Turkmenistan dated March 2, 2021:

- foreign citizens holding UN passports are allowed to come to Turkmenistan, stay in the country, leave it, and cross the territory of Turkmenistan in transit without visa for the period of up to 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of arrival in Turkmenistan;

- foreign citizens – officers of the UN or its specialized structures accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, as well as their family members, are exempted from obtaining visa during the period of work in Turkmenistan.

* The Order of the President of Turkmenistan resolves, in the period of March 1-6, 2021, on the occasion of the International Women’s Day and on behalf of the President of Turkmenistan to present in the ceremonious atmosphere monetary gifts in the amount of 60 (sixty) manats to the women working at the enterprises, institutions and organizations (regardless of the form of ownership), the receivers of pensions and state benefits, female students, school pupils, and girls of the pre-school entities, of-the-job female postgraduates , resident doctors, trainees of the

two-year courses of the Public Service Academy under the President of Turkmenistan.

APPOINTMENTS

* By the Ukase of the President of Turkmenistan, **Saparmyrat Ashyrovich Gylydzhov** is appointed as the khyakim of Mary etrap, Mary velayat.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Online meetings with foreign partners

Within the framework of the Dialogue of High-Ranking Women, an online consultative meeting was held of representatives of national parliaments of Central Asian countries – Turkmenistan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The agenda of the online forum included preparations for the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women – a structure of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The video-addresses were delivered by the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Normative Affairs, Deputy Executive Director of the “UN-Women” Structure Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, and Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Asia, the Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA) Natalia Gherman.

Ensuring gender equality and empowering of women is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Being a full member of the Community of Nations, that having acceded to the basic international conventions in this area, Turkmenistan strictly follows the undertaken commitments.

In accordance with the Constitution of Turkmenistan and generally-admitted norms of international law, the policy pursued by President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has prioritized guaranteeing of equal rights and freedoms for men and women. Moreover, the national legislation is systematically improved; the National Action Plan for Ensuring Gender Equality for 2021-2025 has been adopted.

During the meeting, the Action Plan for 2021 was discussed and adopted.

In the frames of the 83rd session of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office in Geneva on behalf of President Gurbanguly

Berdymuhamedov has organized an online in-parallel measure under the title “Stability of transport and trade relations in the Caspian Sea region during the pandemic” dedicated to the 30th anniversary of Independence of Turkmenistan and the International Year of Peace and Trust.

The Ambassadors and Representatives of the missions of Central Asian and Caspian littoral states as well as representatives of international organizations participated in the measure.

Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe O.Algayerova, the UN Under-Secretary-General Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa Utoikamanu, Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) Umberto de Pretto, as well as ambassadors and permanent representatives of the countries and representatives of international organizations delivered speeches during the online meeting.

The issues of combining transport logistics were discussed in the frames of the meeting, which may become one of the most important and effective areas of development in 2021.

The participants have also noted the importance of furthering and strengthening the political dialogue to ensure comprehensive interaction between all types of transport and promote creation of sustainable multimodal transit corridors during the pandemic.

During the meeting, the Turkmen side has informed about celebrating in the running year of the 30th anniversary of the country’s independence and about preparations for the ministerial transport conference for the developing landlocked countries to be held in the country in 2021.

Mejlis representatives participated in the online meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The first-ever virtual annual meeting brought together some 270 parliamentarians from 57 countries.

The meeting participants exchanged opinions on a broad range of issues of international concern, in particular, peace and security building, conflict prevention and resolution, economic and environmental security amid the COVID-19 pandemic, gender equality, economic empowerment of women, etc.

Parliamentarians have also discussed the summary report of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Secretary General Roberto Montella on the Organization’s activities in 2020 and its near-term plans.

The Intergovernmental Turkmen-Belarusian Commission on Economic Cooperation held an online meeting in Ashgabat. The heads and specialists of sectoral ministries and departments,

as well as businessmen of the two states, took part in the meeting.

In the course of opinion exchange, the meeting participants expressed themselves in favor of activation of business contacts and mutuality-based cooperation. Agro-industrial complex, mechanical engineering, textile and light industry, construction industry, transport and communication, and a number of other industries were specified among the priority spheres, which the head of the Turkmen state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov attaches particular importance to.

During the meeting, the parties discussed and outlined a number of specific steps aimed at diversifying partnership in the trade-economic sphere and increasing the volumes of the countries' trade turnover.

The sides have avowed the proposals on supplies to Turkmenistan of trucks and buses, agricultural machinery and elevator equipment manufactured in Belarus, on furthering interactions in the spheres of education, culture, health, sports, and tourism.

By results of the session of the Intergovernmental Turkmen-Belarusian Commission on Economic Cooperation, the relevant Protocol was signed.

IN RUN-UP TO ELECTIONS

Session of the Central Election and Referendum Commission in Turkmenistan

Ashgabat hosted the session of the Central Election and Referendum Commission (CEC) in Turkmenistan dedicated to the preparation to the election of members of the People's Council of National Assembly.

Members of the Central Election Commission, workgroups established under the Commission, responsible officials of political parties, social organizations and representatives of mass media have taken part in the session.

The agenda included organizational issues of elections including registration of candidates nominated as the members of the People's Council of National Assembly of Turkmenistan, which

elections would be held on March 28, 2021, approval of the list of places' distribution in the regions and capital, where voting sessions for members of the regional and Ashgabat People's Councils would be held on the election day.

As of now, 111 candidates have been nominated in the frames of the nomination campaign, which started according to the Electoral Code of Turkmenistan on February 6.

Among 111 candidates, there are 20 candidates from Akhal velayat, 21 – Balkan, 18 – Dashoguz, 18 – Lebap, 17 – Mary velata, and 17 – from Ashgabat City. The nomination of candidates is finishing on March 2, while their registration will last until March 7.

Reports of the heads of local election commissions and of Ashgabat on preparation to the coming elections, on organization of various level events have been presented. In this regard, it was highlighted that an important role is given to explanatory activity among the population.

17 candidates, nominated to the members of the People's Council of National Assembly from Ashgabat, have received registration certificates in the solemn atmosphere during the session of the Central Election Commission.

A number of other organizational issues, on which the relevant decisions have been made, were considered at the session.

COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS

Seven transactions were registered at the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan last week.

Businessmen from the United Arab Emirates purchased aviation kerosene and motor gasoline produced at the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex, and businessmen from Afghanistan purchased liquefied gas («Türkmengaz» State Concern). The sum total of the deals exceeded US \$17.281 thousand.

Turkmen businessmen purchased co-extrusion polypropylene film (produced at the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex) and cotton fiber (over 3.390 thousand manats).

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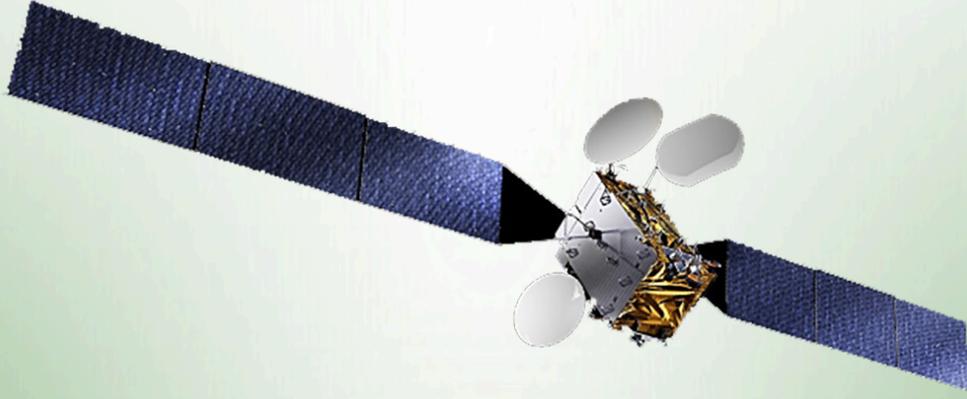
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