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Sizi, Halkara zenanlar güni bilen  
tüýs ýürekden gutlaýarys!***

***Şu bahar günlerinde size berk jan saglygyny  
we bagt arzuw edýäris!***

***Sizi çuňňur hormatlamak bilen,  
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Çen Huaýlun***

***Dear women!***

***We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations  
on the occasion of the International Woman's Day***

***On this spring day, we wish you, dear women,  
continued health and happiness!***

***With deep respect to you,  
Chen Huailong,  
General Director of CNPCI Turkmenistan***

***Дорогие женщины!***

***От всей души поздравляем вас  
с Международным женским днем***

***В эти весенние дни желаем вам  
крепкого здоровья и счастья!***

***С глубоким уважением к Вам,  
Генеральный директор КННКИ Туркменистан  
Чэнь Хуайлун***



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## OFFICIAL NEWS

**The President of Turkmenistan convened an online working session**

On March 1, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session with the participation of some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, khyakims of velayats and Ashgabat City.

The agenda of session implied the issues of socioeconomic development of the country's main city and velayats, implementation progress of the seasonal agri-works, preparations to the spring sowing campaign and to celebrating the remarkable dates.

First, the leader of nation came into online contact with khyakim of Ashgabat's administration Ya. Gylyjov and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdulyev, who reported on modernization of the capital's infrastructure, situation at the construction sites of the large objects under construction, preparation of the festive events and measures included in the program on the occasion of the Ashgabat Day holiday and 140th anniversary of its foundation.

Since major reforms implemented in the city are assigned to provide integrated future-orientated development of Ashgabat, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has necessitated exercising unremitting control over the works aimed at systematic streamlining of the activity of municipality services and city's administration, at wide spread adoption of digital technologies in the sector.

To achieve these goals, it is necessary to study the world's best practice in this field and develop construction projects and revamping plans with a glance to the ecological and aesthetic aspects.

The best national architectural traditions are to harmoniously blend in with modern solutions in the architectural image of Ashgabat. The Turkmen capital is in every respect to be an exemplary city, meet its high status, especially if it is related to creating of comfortable conditions for the life of people, the President of the country said.

Having focused on preparation to the celebration of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat and 30th anniversary of independence, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov gave concrete assignments to the Vice-Premier and khyakim of Ashgabat on holding the upcoming festive events and measures at a higher and better level in terms of organization and content.

Further, the online session continued with the participation of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev and khyakims of velayats.

In their progress reports, the khyakims of velayats covered the implementation progress of

preparations of arable lands for the cotton-sowing campaign; the fields are ploughed and graded; the agri-machinery and equipment are being repaired; the farmers are supplied with seeds in sufficient volumes; the relevant measures are taken to achieve future high level of potato and onion crop yields.

The heads of velayats have informed that all measures are taken to ensure qualitative and timely fulfillment of the tasks outlined in the Program of the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025 and the National Rural Development Program related to timely completion of construction objects to be opened in run-up to the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence.

In the comments on the reports, the head of state has highlighted that all spring field works are to be implemented in tune with agri-technical requirements; not the least important is to properly prepare for the cotton-seeding campaign and accelerate operations on sowing of potato, onion, and other crops.

In addition, the head of state has ordered to take measures for commissioning of modern vegetable hothouse farms in March; to show a well-organized approach to the spring tree-planting and landscaping campaign as a factor of ecological wealth, the leader of nation stressed.

The Vice-Premier and khyakims of velayats were exhorted to hold the construction progress of social and industrial anniversary facilities under strict control.

Further, the head of state has listened to the report of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev who is in charge of the AIC.

The report of Vice-Premier was concentrated on solution of the AIC's development-favored tasks, situation at the construction sites, as well as rational use of land and water resources.

In his comments on the report President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the officials concerned to concentrate maximum efforts on efficient preparation of the farmstead agri-machinery for the coming cotton-sowing and other seasonal campaigns.

Not the least important is rational use of water – the main factor of the AIC and other industries dynamic development, environment protection, and provision of comfortable life conditions of the people.

In this regard, in the frames of the Program of the country's socioeconomic development in 2019-2021, the President of Turkmenistan has entrusted the officials concerned with a task to show a well-grounded and workable approach to the issue of rational use of water resources, creation of additional reserves of water, prevention of soil salinization, amelioration of arable lands.

The Turkmen leader's concrete assignments to khyakims of velayats were fixated on: to set in

motion in the agriculture of modern machinery and irrigation methods with a glance to the natural and soil conditions of the country; to continue modernization of the technical fleet of the State Water Resources Management Committee; to accelerate wide spread adoption of digital system and world practice in the sector; to organize cleansing of water outlets and reservoirs.

To provide production of the adequate volumes of home-grown potato, vegetable and cucurbitaceous crops, the head of state gave instructions to carry out necessary work in association with local administrative bodies for provision of producers with high-quality seeding material.

Today, efficient fulfillment of all adopted government programs is our key goal and indispensable condition of further improvement of foodstuff abundance, enhancement of the social and living level of the population, comprehensive development of the country, the leader of nation stressed.

Finishing the online session, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has wished success in work to all its participants.

### **Session of the State Security Council of Turkmenistan**

On March 3, President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Army General Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held a regular session of the State Security Council to draw together conclusions from the two-month activity of the military and law enforcement agencies in the year proclaimed under the slogan "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust".

Ensuring of our independent state's security and peace, strengthening of the security structures' logistics base, further improvement of their activity, control over the state property (including financial resources), introduction of digital system and other issues were on the agenda of session.

Chief heads of security agencies reported on the implementation progress of the multi-aspect military reform, which is aimed at steadfast strengthening of the National Army's potential and capacity, modernization of the Armed Forces' hardware base, improvement of the military training-staff system, creation of favorable conditions for service and life of the Motherland's valiant defenders.

In particular, it was informed about preparations to the military parade in honor of the remarkable date – the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence, which will be celebrated in the running year, about measures undertaken for maintaining in the country of the public order, preventing law violations, ensuring of fire safety, traffic accidents control, further upgrading and updating of the national legislative and judicial system.

Outlining the primary tasks set to the Defense Ministry, the President highlighted has placed particular accent on raising of the military personnel's professional level and instilling in the younger generation the feeling of patriotism.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to exercise permanent control over the work of all departmental structures of the Interior Ministry, assigned to ensure public order, close adherence to all-round protection of legal rights and freedoms of citizens.

Special attention is to be paid to prevention of law violations, including on the roads of the country. To this end, it is necessary to systematically conduct awareness-raising activity on observance of traffic rules among the pedestrians, especially among school students.

Being a genuinely democratic state, Turkmenistan, now and in the long term, intends to continue uncompromising fight against the violators of national legislation through taking the relevant measures of restraint. It is thus all the more important to apply a detailed and just consideration of every case, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said, having addressed concrete assignments to Prosecutor General B. Atdayev.

Regarding maintenance of the favorable social and political climate in the country as an essential condition of tranquil and prosperous life of Turkmen citizens and successful advancement toward lofty goals and tasks of the epoch of power and happiness, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov gave a number of the relevant concrete instructions to the Minister of National Security G. Annayev.

The President has also highlighted the importance of special mission entrusted to the border-guard personnel on safeguarding the Motherland's sacred borders. Special attention has been focused on provision of inviolability of state borders and on revamping of the frontier outposts.

Not the least important is to advance the legal reform in the country, to coordinate the work with the relevant departments for improvement of legislation of Turkmenistan in tune with the times and generally-admitted standards of international law and on the basis of the world's advanced practice in this sphere, the head of state noted.

Speaking of the tasks assigned to the State Customs Service, the President of Turkmenistan has focused on the necessity of constant streamlining of the Service's activity, wide spread adoption of modern technologies, regular conducting of training-staff courses, theoretical and practical classes for the personnel of control checkpoints.

The Turkmen leader's assignments to the State Migration Service's leadership were centered on further strengthening of the logistics and hardware base of the State Migration Service and all its structural divisions, improvement of the training-

staff courses, and creation of proper conditions for efficient work of the Service's personnel.

Careful and well-thought approach to the state-owned property, digitization of the national economy and management systems were in the center of assignments the head of Turkmenistan has addressed to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber S. Berdymuhamedov.

Summing up the outcomes of session and addressing the members of the State Security Council, the head of state has noted that the country's exclusively-defensive Military Doctrine determines the military-political and military-strategic fundamentals of safeguarding the sovereign Motherland's territorial integrity.

A pretty good work on this basis is ongoing for provision of security and defensive capacity of our state, human rights and freedoms; the principles of strengthening national legislation and protection of public order are being upgraded; program measures are also undertaken to increase in the region the impact of independent Turkmenistan's permanent neutrality policy, which is aimed at consolidation of peace.

In tune with the country's exclusively-defensive Military Doctrine, all structures of the Armed Forces of the country are provided with the best modern weaponry and military hardware, the Turkmen leader stated.

Service, social and living conditions of Motherland's defenders and their families are systematically improved.

The members of the State Security Council take active part in implementation of the policy on provision of Turkmenistan's security and defense of Turkmenistan, protectability of constitutional rights and freedoms of the people, the leader of nation said.

In this regard, taking into account the meritorious work in protection of the state's sovereignty, territorial integrity, constitutional order of independent permanently neutral Turkmenistan, provision of law and order in the country, the leader of nation has informed about his decision on conferring the honorary title «Türkmenistanyň Watan goragçysy» on the members of the State Security Council.

To the applause of the session participants, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has signed the relevant Ukase.

Finishing the session, President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Army General Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has extended to the participants of session wishes of splendid health, happiness and big success in their responsible work.

Further, the ceremony of conferring honorary title «Türkmenistanyň Watan goragçysy» on the members of the State Security Council was held; all awardees have avowed the military Oath.

Having congratulated the members of the State Security Council on awarding the honorary title «Türkmenistanyň Watan goragçysy», the head of state wished them great success in protection of the state sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, and inviolability of state borders, in protection of peace and tranquility, constitutional order of independent neutral Turkmenistan, provision of law and order.

### **President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov participated in the ECO Summit**

On March 4, on the invitation of the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayip Erdogan, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov took part in the work of online XIV Summit of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

Given the present-day global situation, the agenda of the high-level session has placed particular emphasis on the future-orientated development of regional economic partnership in the period after the COVID-19 pandemic.

President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Hassan Rouhani, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kasym Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Japarov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Imran Khan, and the ECO Secretary General Dr Haydi Sulaimanpur took part in the meeting.

General Secretary of the Turkic Council Bagdad Amreev, the Energy Charter Secretary Urban Rusnak, and other officials were invited to the meeting.

Turkmenistan is a member of the ECO since 1992. This large profile regional interstate association was founded in 1985 by Pakistan, Iran and Turkey to promote closer partnership in the economics and trade spheres. Since 1992, the activity of the ECO has received a qualitatively new impulse due to the acceding of seven other countries – Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. The date of the Organization's enhancement until its current composition, November 28, is observed as ECO Day.

According to the Resolution, which was adopted in 1995 at the 50th session of the UN General Assembly, the ECO has received the status of observer in the UN. Similar status the Organization has also received in the Islamic Cooperation Organization (ICO).

Over the past period, Turkmenistan and ECO have gained a significant experience of joint work,

which makes a solid base for effective long-term cooperation.

Establishment of favorable conditions for steadfast economic development of the region, motivation of integration processes, strengthening of solidarity and cooperation of the Organization's member-states, their positions in the modern system of global economies are the main tasks of the ECO. Formation of the appropriate operation infrastructure and new mechanisms of intensification of the regional and interregional partnership in tune with the times, realization of joint projects in the priority spheres of partnership – these are the main goals of the ECO. Achievement of those goals is also aimed at the solution of the current social issues and improvement of the peoples' standards of living.

Chairman of XIV ECO Summit, President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoga, has announced the decision on handing over the chairmanship in the ECO in 2021 to Turkmenistan. Welcoming Turkmenistan's significant role in strengthening and expansion of international cooperation, including in the frames of reputable organizations, the President of Turkey gave the floor to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov.

Grateful to the ECO member-states for their confidence, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that regarding presidency in the ECO as a responsible and lofty mission, our country would make every effort to make the mission successful, constructive, for the sake of common interests.

In this context, the leader of nation has introduced the Summit participants to the priority directions of the ECO activity in the period of our country's presidency.

Rendering assistance to the unleashing of comprehensive possibilities of partnership under the ECO in the economic, trade, industrial, energy, transport-communication, cultural-humanitarian spheres the Turkmen side sees as a strategic task.

- We are planning to conduct certain work with partners over making conditions for further activation of the trade-economic relations between our countries and are persevered to increase and diversify the volumes of trade turnover, - President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted.

To this end, Turkmenistan proposes to embark on the work on developing of economic routes in the ECO area, considering them as the main stable system to ensure movement of commodities and services and realization of investments. Pending the subject, the head of Turkmen state has singled out a number of other directions of priority, notably – industrial cooperation, consolidation of the production and technological potential, implementation of large-scale joint infrastructural projects.

The Turkmen leader has highlighted that transport-communication sphere would apparently play the main role in achievement of the goals of the ECO member-states' economic development and in their full-fledged participation in modern processes.

Thus, the ECO member-states have successfully implemented a number of projects in this direction. As an example, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has mentioned launching in the running year's January of the Kerky (Turkmenistan) – Shibargan (Afghanistan) power transmission line, of the 30-km railroad between Akina and Andhoy railway stations in Afghanistan, fiber optic line between Ymamnazar (Turkmenistan) – Akina (Afghanistan), as well as between Serhetabat (Turkmenistan) and Turgundy (Afghanistan).

In this regard, the head of Turkmenistan has proposed to consider the implementation of similar grandiose and multilateral projects in various spheres with participation of other members of the ECO.

Construction of transport corridors and logistics centers is nowadays of particular importance. Hence, the Turkmen leader expressed confidence in the need to intensify project works of the ECO and advance most perspective models and directions in this field.

At the same time, we call on the ECO to focus on creating of the combined transit-transport corridors in the East-West route, from the Asian-Pacific region to the European part of the continent toward the Middle East, - President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted.

Turkmenistan also proposes to expand interaction in the Caspian Sea region, as the four out of five Caspian states are the members of the ECO. Taking this into account, it is necessary to actively move forward across the Caspian Sea in the western and northern directions to get an outlet to the Black and Baltic Sea ports.

The Turkmen leader has specified the formation of energy clusters in the ECO space, diversification of energy resources supply with participation of the ECO member-states as yet another key task. At present, our country in association with partners is building the Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India gas pipeline, which is an example of optimum interest-based cooperation.

Fruitful work is also carried out in realization of the projects of energy supply in the Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan and Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan directions.

At the same time, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has expressed confidence in the need of creating additional energy routes within the ECO region and beyond.

In this context, the head of Turkmenistan considers as appropriate to establish target contacts between the Organization and other interstate

structures at the continent, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Eurasian Economic Union, and Commonwealth of Independent States, whose strategic interests could coincide with the ECO interests on a beneficial and equal basis.

The Turkmen leader has placed particular accent on the fact that our country pays great attention to the process of restoration of Afghanistan's economy as the main factor of establishing peace and harmony in this country. Now and in the long term, Turkmenistan will continue to render assistance to the brotherly country in its economic restoration, construction of power supply systems, transport, communication, and social facilities.

In the frames of its presidency in the ECO, Turkmenistan intends to actively promote enhancement of relations in the spheres of culture, sports, education, youth policy, tourism on the basis of community of moral values, which link our peoples and states with the ties of friendship and fraternity. In this regard, the leader of nation proposed to pay special attention to cooperation in the science and medicine, to opinion and knowledge exchange in combating coronavirus pandemic.

Addressing the participants of the Summit, the head of Turkmenistan has noted that our country regards the ECO activity as one of the factors of the region's efficient progress, sees in it vast untapped potential for realization of national programs of the ECO member-states' economic development.

Finishing his speech, the Turkmen leader has proposed to hold the ECO's next Summit in Ashgabat on November 28, 2021 – on ECO Day, and extended invitation to his foreign colleagues to visit the capital of Turkmenistan for participation in the Summit.

Congratulating Turkmenistan on the presidency in the ECO, the Summit participants expressed confidence that the country's chairmanship in the ECO would promote further development of efficient cooperation, including in the formation of multimodal transit-transport corridors and logistic hubs of the regional and international significance.

### **Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan**

On March 5, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online session of the Cabinet of Ministers to draw together conclusions from the running year's two-month activity of the branches of national economy and give consideration to the urgent issues of the country's home and foreign policy.

The first speaker, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov, reported on the two-month macroeconomic indicators of the national economy.

For the period under review, the GDP was 5.9 percent. As compared to the last year's similar

period, the output of products increased by 3.3 percent.

The retail trade turnover increased by 17.6 percent; execution of the revenue part of State Budget was 152.9 percent, expenditure part – by 85.2 percent.

Average wage rate at the large and medium-sized facilities increased by 10.4 percent; wages and salaries, pensions, state allowances and student scholarships were timely funded and paid.

In January-February, within the frames of the National Rural Development Program, construction was going of the objects and structures, residential houses, water treatment and engineering systems.

Summing up the report and addressing the Vice-Premier, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized the necessity to accelerate the rates of works in the ministries and departments of the financial-economic complex.

The head of state has noted that at the recent session lengthy consideration was given to the issues related to the branches of the economy, and the measures were outlined to solve those issues. However, many of these measures have not been implemented yet.

Two months have run out, but the financial resources allocated for these purposes are not set in motion. Slow are the rates of digitization, privatization of the facilities and transformation of them into joint-stock ventures, formation of the securities market, the leader of nation noted.

The head of Turkmenistan has also necessitated acceleration of wide spread adoption of digital system in the government organizations and turning various public services to electronic format.

At the same time, not the least significant is to analyze the condition of global economies and situation in the neighboring countries. On that basis, it is necessary to make corrections in the running year's indicators and prepare the anticipatory forecasts.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Abdrahmanov has reported on the two-month results of fulfillment of the "Program of the country's oil/gas industry development until 2030".

The oil refinery plan was executed by 100.5 percent; production of gasoline – by 105.9 percent; diesel fuel – 102.3 percent; polypropylene – 103.3 percent; lubricating oils – 104.6 percent; production of the natural and associated gas – 110.2 percent; export of gas – 108.5 percent; funding of capital needs – 118.8 percent.

Having listened to the report, the President of Turkmenistan has noted that despite necessary support provided by the government to the oil/gas complex, there is no positive dynamics in the work of the branches.

State Concerns "Türkmengaz" and "Türkmennebit", as well as Turkmenbashi Refinery



Complex and almost all sectoral departments have failed to systematically fulfill plan targets.

The head of state has exhorted the Vice-Premier to thoroughly analyze the current situation and make the proposals on streamlining the work of the branches answerable to him. In case of need, find new young managers, capable to work hard and make every effort for the benefit of the country, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has informed that in the reporting period, the production and service plan in the construction and industrial complex was executed by 129.8 percent (116.5 percent growth rate); in the system of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture, the plan of works was executed by 105.9 percent (102 percent growth rate).

In the system of the Ministry of Industry and Construction Production, the fulfillment of the production and work plan – 118.8 percent (113 percent growth rate); those indicators in the system of the Ministry of Energy were – 119.2 percent (111.4 percent (growth rate).

The plan of electricity production has been fulfilled by 105.2 percent; the plan of export of electricity – 132.6 percent (105.2 and 122.7 percent growth rates respectively).

The State Concern “Türkmenhimiýa” has executed the plan of production and services by 171.1 percent (148.7 percent growth rate); the plan of production and services of the Ashgabat Administration – 113.3 percent.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the necessity to accomplish implementation of large-scale projects: construction of the country’s ring energy system and of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan power transmission line, having thereto highlighted that implementation of these projects would require greater efforts and proper organization of works.

The Vice-Premier was also exhorted to work over the issues of attracting more investments to construction and industrial branches and over privatization of the departmental facilities.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on the two-month outcomes of work of the trade and textile branches and of the entrepreneurship sphere.

In the system of the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, the two-month volume of commodities circulation was 111 percent; the growth rate of production – 125.1 percent.

The growth rate of the output of products manufactured by the enterprises of Textiles Ministry, including cotton yarn and fabrics, was equal to 115.8 and 100.1 percent respectively; apparel and knitted items – 121.7 percent; leather goods – 104.5 percent; implementation

of the production plan by the State Association “Türkmenhaly” – 109.9 percent.

In the accounting period, the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange held 48 trade sessions and signed 5,157 contracts; the growth rate of works accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry was 103.1 percent.

The two-month growth rate of agricultural and food production by the members of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union was 122 percent, industrial production – 101.7 percent.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused attention of the Vice-Premier on the need to analyze the duties of the managers of the complex (he is in charge of) for the near-term period, having given instructions on acceleration of works planned in this direction.

Reporting on the two-month outcomes of the activity of the spheres answerable to him, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov has informed that 45 types of textbooks and teaching aids have been published for the period under review; fulfillment of 469 scientific works on the priority scientific directions have been agreed; as of January 1, 2021, the Chemistry Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the country has gone over to the self-sustained format.

In the health sphere, systematic steps are taken for wide spread adoption of new preventive and treatment methods of various diseases.

In the TV-bridge format, the meetings with international organizations and ministries of a number of foreign countries, scientific conferences, and the events related to proclaiming the running year under the slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust” and celebrating the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, have been held.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted the topicality of permanent improvement of the scientific-educational sphere. Special attention is to be paid to modernization of the logistic, hardware and scientific-methodological base of the sector with a glance to the best national and international practice, to updating of the textbooks and teaching methodologies.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the outcomes of the two-month activity of the ministries and departments of transport and communication sphere. The production plan of these organizations was executed by 111.7 percent; the growth rate of the “Türkmen Demirýollary” Agency was 110.8 percent; “Türkmenawtoulaglary” Agency – 109.3 percent; “Türkmen deňiz derýaýollary” Agency – 114.5 percent; the appropriate work has been carried out by the “Türkmen howaýollary” Agency.

The plan of cargo transportation and cargo turnover (by road, railway, air and maritime

transport) was executed by 104.5 and 111.8 percent respectively; the growth rate of the "Türkmenaragatnaşyk" Agency – 107.4 percent.

Having listened to the report, the President has noted that the situation in the complex answerable to the Vice-Premier leaves much to be desired. It is necessary to focus on the challenging tasks. The talk is about modernization of railways, construction of new airports, and introduction of electronic services and electronic document management system.

The two-month outcomes of activity in the sphere of culture and mass media were in the center of the progress report of Deputy Chairperson of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova.

It was mentioned that various cultural events dedicated to the holidays, remarkable dates and opening of social-cultural facilities have been carried out in the period under review; the establishments of cultural sphere more actively use the possibilities of digital system in their work.

The appropriate work is ongoing to hold the events and activities included in the Plan (which was approved by the presidential Resolution on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat) at a better and higher level in terms of organization and content.

The production plan of the Turkmen State Publishing Service was fulfilled by 125.4 percent in the reporting period.

Summing up the report and having highlighted the significance of the cultural sphere and mass media further development in tune with the times, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has addressed to the Vice-Premier the relevant assignments.

The slogan of the running year "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust", the 30th anniversary of the country's independence provide wide opportunities for the work in many directions including in the economics, politics, history, the head of state noted. In this regard, it is necessary to activate popularization of the country's achievements over the years of its sovereign development; special attention is also to be paid to the quality improvement of the TV and radio programs.

In turn, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev has concentrated his report on the two-month activity of the branches answerable to him, on the implementation progress of the reforms in agriculture and seasonal agricultural works in velayats.

In the reporting period, the growth rate of production volumes, works and services performed in the AIC was 104.1 percent including: the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection – 104.1 percent; the State Water Resources Management Committee – 103.7 percent; the State Association

«Türkmen atlary» - 104.1 percent; funding of capital construction projects – 163.8 percent.

It was mentioned that in the frames of the ongoing changes in agriculture, special land funds have been created to allocate land plots to the private agri-producers for growing wheat, cotton, and other crops.

The head of state has exhorted the Vice-Premier to analyze the situation in the sphere, take measures for correction of shortcomings and present the report on the work accomplished.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister R. Meredov has made a report on the activity of the Ministry in January-February, 2021.

To efficiently pursue foreign-policy course of independent neutral Turkmenistan, the relevant work was carried out to promote fruitful cooperation in the bilateral and multilateral formats and in the frames of the reputable regional and international organizations.

At present, the relevant work is ongoing for organizing meetings of the head of state with the leaders of foreign countries. 264 various-level meetings have been held in the online format in the period under review; 16 documents have been signed aimed at strengthening of the legal base of international relations of Turkmenistan; the bilateral contacts between foreign ministries are of regular character.

Commenting on the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that while implementing its foreign-policy course, which is based on the principles of positive neutrality and 'open doors', Turkmenistan steadily intensifies its fruitful cooperation with the nearest neighbor-countries, states of the world and region, activates the constructive dialog with the reputable international organizations.

The fact, that many constructive cooperation-favored proposals come to the country from foreign partners, speaks in favor of the ever-growing international authority of our country. The Foreign Ministry is to thoroughly study these proposals and on the basis of it to coordinate the ongoing work, the head of state said, having addressed certain instructions to the Vice-Premier, the MFA Minister.

Having focused attention of the session attendees on the two-month outcomes of the national economy, the President of Turkmenistan was pleased to welcome upward trends of the country's development. From the beginning of the year, the growth of the GDP remains on the 5.9-percent level; the growth rate in the agricultural complex is equal to 3.1 percent, in trade – 12.8 percent, in transport and communication sphere – 4.7 percent.

At present, construction of numerous objects (US \$38 billion total budget) is ongoing in Turkmenistan. The majority of them are social and housing facilities. At the same time, worth of

mentioning is the fact that the works (over US \$18 billion) are implemented by local construction and installation companies.

However, in the light of the by-now condition of global economy, it is important for us to preserve the growth rates achieved, the leader of nation emphasized.

At the same time, construction of the facilities, especially of anniversary facilities and housing construction, fulfillment of the programs for provision of the population with drinking water are to be in the focus of attention. Special importance is to be paid to further improvement of the population's living standards, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said.

Having signed the Resolution on conducting of the nation-wide tree-planting campaign and sent it to Vice-Premier E. Orazgeldiyev via the electronic document management system, the head of state highlighted that this ecological action would take place in Turkmenistan on March 20. Taking into consideration the current situation, the tree-planting campaigns and events on the occasion of the National Spring Holiday would take place in Ashgabat and all velayats of the country.

International Woman's Day will be celebrated widely in the country on Monday, March 8. Speaking of this, the Turkmen leader has cordially congratulated all mothers, women and girls of the country on the coming wonderful holiday, having wished them strong health, family wealth and prosperity.

Further, the President of Turkmenistan has signed the Ukase on conferring the honorary title of Turkmenistan «Ene mähri» on the mothers with many children.

Continuing session, the head of state has informed on his decision to give new apartments to the families with many children.

The Mejlis Speaker G. Mammedova was assigned to organize in the Social Organizations Center the ceremony of presenting on behalf of the President of Turkmenistan the gifts and awards to the mothers (residents of Ashgabat) who were conferred on the honorary title «Ene mähri», and khyakim of Ashgabat – to organize in the capital's khyakimlik the ceremony of presenting the mothers with the keys to new apartments; khyakims of velayats are also authorized to present the mothers-awardees with the gifts and keys to new apartments.

Finishing the online session of the Cabinet of Ministers, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished strong health, family wealth and big success in work to the participants of session.

### **The President of Turkmenistan has received the Foreign Minister of Turkey**

On March 6, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has received the

Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey Mevlut Cavusoglu.

In the course of meeting, the head of state and his guest exchanged opinions on the prospects for the Turkmen-Turkish partnership advancement in the context of the agreements reached and for unleashing of the solid potential available in various spheres. Trade-economic sphere, energy, transport-communication as well as other fields were sorted out as the priority directions of cooperation.

The Foreign Minister of Turkey has also shown his sincere appreciation to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov for the support rendered to the representatives of Turkish business, who evince great interest in further strengthening of mutuality-based relations with Turkmenistan notable for its investment-favored climate and realization of large-scale infrastructural projects and socioeconomic programs.

Humanitarian sphere is also an integral part of interstate relations, which are encouraged by rich experience of joint work and favorable opportunities for the intensification of fruitful cooperation in the spheres of education and science, culture and art, as well as in sports and tourism.

At the same time, it was highlighted that Turkmenistan and Turkey are efficiently interact in the format of the reputable regional and international organizations, demonstrating similarity and proximity of positions on the present-day topical issues, first of the first it relates to safeguarding of global peace and security, achieving of the Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, the head of state and his guest expressed themselves in favor of furthering the practice of regular contacts between the two states' foreign departments.

Welcoming an 8-percent increase of trade turnover between Turkey and Turkmenistan in 2020 (up to US \$2 billion), the head of state has highlighted an important role of Intergovernmental Commission in the development of bilateral relations.

The leader of nation has noted that in the frames of Turkmenistan's presidency in the ECO, our country intends to host in 2021 in Ashgabat on November 28 – the day of the ECO foundation – the Summit of the heads of the ECO member-states.

In addition, it is planned to hold Turkmenistan-Azerbaijan top-level Summit in Ashgabat in the running year to discuss the issues of activating the interstate relations. Because of the pandemic, the timing of Summit was changed. In this regard, it was noted that the Turkmen side is ready to host the Summit when it will be convenient for its participants.

In conclusion, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey Mevlut Cavusoglu have expressed confidence that in the

years ahead the many-year interstate cooperation will dynamically develop, filling in with new concrete content.

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\* President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov signed the Ukase on conferring the honorary title «Türkmenistanyň Watan goragçysy» on the members of the State Security Council for their meritorious work for protecting of state sovereignty, territorial integrity, constitutional system of independent neutral Turkmenistan, for ensuring law and order, and also taking into account the many-year of irreproachable service to the sovereign Fatherland.

\* By the Ukase of the President of Turkmenistan, for the merits in upbringing of the worthy young generation, the honorary title of Turkmenistan «Ene mähri» is conferred on 245 mothers who gave birth to and brought up eight or more children.

\* The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on conducting of the nationwide tree-planting action in the country on March 20, 2021.

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**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

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**Online meetings with foreign partners**

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**An online meeting was held between the MFA Minister of Turkmenistan and the International Migration Organization's Regional Coordinator for Central Asia, Chief Head of the IMO Representative Offices in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, Zeynal Gajiyev.**

During the meeting, the sides discussed the outcomes of joint activity in 2020, as well as outlined the priority trends of further cooperation. In this context, Turkmenistan's readiness was affirmed to advance constructive interaction with the IMO, including in the sphere of ordered and safe labor migration.

Lengthy consideration was given to the plan of joint activities for the current year, which includes such directions as "Countering Human Trafficking and Assistance to Migrants" and "Technical Cooperation and Border Management".

Much interest the sides have evinced in the issues of interaction in the light of emergency situations with respect to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. In this context, actions of Turkmenistan at the national level, including the ones on fulfillment of the obligations ensuing from the Global Treaty on

Safe, Orderly and Legal Migration, have been presented.

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**The International Educational-Scientific Center of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry hosted an online meeting of physiotherapy specialists of Turkmenistan and Germany.**

Advanced scientific developments in physiotherapy and their adoption in practice were discussed during the online meeting with the experienced German specialist – Doctor Annegret Kern-Zozo.

The video-conference of physiotherapy specialists continued with the consultative meeting with German nephrologist, Professor Roland Veelken. The sides discussed the focal issues of the nephrology, including prevention of acute and long-term renal failure, its diagnostics and modern treatment.

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**Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection took part in the two-day online meeting of the experts from the CIS member-countries, which was organized by the CIS Executive Committee.**

The online consultations were dedicated to cooperation in the veterinary sphere, realization of scientific-research programs and projects, which are aimed at the timely diagnostics and prevention of animal diseases.

The sides exchanged information about epizootic situation in the CIS member-countries, measures undertaken for mitigation of the negative impact caused by COVID-19, observance of veterinary requirements during the cargo export-import operations accountable to the Veterinary Service.

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**TURKMENISTAN – THE UN**

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**Cooperation for peace and trust**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the International Conference «Turkmenistan and the United Nations: Cooperation for Peace and Trust», dedicated to the 29th anniversary of our country's accession to the UN.

In the frames of the Conference, the online ceremony of signing bilateral documents took place. In particular, the following documents were signed: the Agreement between the Government of Turkmenistan and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on co-financing; as well as the Work Plan within the framework of the project «Strengthening of mechanisms of the youth's participation in the implementation of national youth policy and advancement of the gender equality» between the Ministry of Sports and Youth Policy of Turkmenistan and UNFPA for 2021.

On behalf of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, a verbal note was presented to the Acting UN Resident Coordinator in Turkmenistan UNICEF Representative in Turkmenistan Ms. Christine Weigand to officially notify about Resolution of the President of Turkmenistan on approval of the procedure for visa-free entry to Turkmenistan of the foreigners – the holders of the UN passports.

Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Central Asia, Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, Ms. Natalia Gherman read out the Message of the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to the conference participants.

In his address, the UN Secretary-General noted: “I am especially pleased to congratulate Turkmenistan on the 29th anniversary of the accession to the United Nations. Turkmenistan is an important UN member-state that plays an active and constructive role in achieving the goals of the Organization, including through the development of regional and international cooperation and promotion of preventive diplomacy.»

According to the conference participants, the multifaceted cooperation with the UN is a strategic vector of Turkmenistan’s foreign policy, which is based on the principles of positive neutrality and broad international cooperation. Based on the rich experience of cooperation, at the present stage this partnership has acquired a new concrete content.

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## FORUMS

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### **Turkmen Alabay dog-breed – a unique cultural heritage of our people**

Preservation and popularization of the national historical and cultural heritage are the priorities of the government policy. Development of the Turkmen Alabay dog-breeding husbandry and further improvement of the unique breed have become an important aspect of large-scale work in this sphere.

As is known, on February 25, the President of Turkmenistan has signed the Ukase on instituting of the Turkmen Alabay-dog Holiday, which would be celebrated annually on the last Sunday of April together with National Turkmen Horse Holiday.

In this regard, the event with participation of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers S. Berdymuhamedov, who is also the Chairman of International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri», heads and representatives of ministries and departments, public organizations and political parties, universities and mass media has been held in the conference hall of the capital’s “Sport” Hotel in the Olympic Village.

In his speech, Chairman of the International Association S. Berdymuhamedov has highlighted

that throughout centuries Turkmen dogs used to be not only reliable guards and assistants but also loyal friends of Turkmens. Today, the dogs are an integral part of the Turkmen nation’s rich historical heritage, which we are to pass down to future generations as our ancestors did it for us.

The President-authored book “Turkmen Alabay”, which narrates about an important role of these dogs in the life and destiny of our nation, is an opportunity for the readers to be imbued with deep understanding and sympathy to the national dog-breeding traditions.

The head of International Association has highlighted that preservation and improvement of best traditions of the national dog-breeding school are among the utmost directions of activity of the organization in the context of the tasks assigned by the President of Turkmenistan on dog-breeding advancement on a systemic basis, with application of folk dog-breeding methods and modern achievements of the world science.

To promote dog-breeding advancement in the country and popularize the success in the sphere, the «Türkmeniň nusgalyk alabaýy» magazine of International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri» has been founded. The magazine includes plenty of interesting information about the main character of the brightly illustrated publication and the place Turkmen dog occupies in the destiny of the nation, folklore, literature, philosophy of Turkmen people.

The President-initiated formation of modern infrastructure of the professional dog-breeding branch in the country had a catalytic effect on the scope of activity in that direction.

Complex of buildings of «Türkmen alabaý itleri» business entity was put into operation in Ak Bugday etrap, Akhal velayat; the veterinary clinic and pet shelter, which meets the relevant international standards, were built in Anau. The modern diagnostic and treatment center is provided with advanced medical equipment designated for preventive vaccination of animals, identification of diseases, and professional treatment.

The opening of a new complex of buildings of Turkmen Alabay Dog-Breeding Center took place in the State Border Service.

At present, the Association is building the quarantine center in Akhal velayat, and the Turkmen Alabay Dog-Breeding centers – in Balkan, Dashoguz, Lebap, Mary velayats and Ashgabat City.

In addition, the complex of International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri» is under construction in the capital. In general, all of these are a visual indication of active care of the Alabay-dog breed by the government.

An important role in this sphere is assigned to international partners. In particular, the relevant long-term cooperation is established with the UNESCO – specialized United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization, and other big organizations, including foreign associations as well as with legal entities and private dog breeders from different countries of the world.

It was mentioned that specialists of the Association are doing intensive work on inclusion of Turkmen traditions to the Representative List of Immaterial Human Heritage. One such is the Alabay dog-breeding tradition.

Over the last years, the number of admirers of Turkmen dogs increases in different parts of the planet. Given the huge interest to the dog breed, the International Association «Türkmen alabay itleri» Taking keeps work going on posting of the website, which will promote consolidation of specialists, scientists and worshippers of Turkmen Alabay dogs in the historical birthplace of famous Central Asian sheep dogs.

Specialists and representatives of universities have stated in their speeches that a new specialty – the cynology, was introduced to the “Veterinary Medicine” school of the Animal Husbandry Department of the Turkmen Agricultural University.

The scientists have made a contentious insight into history of dogs’ domestication. On the basis of archaeological studies and findings in the territory of Turkmenistan, the antiquity of Turkmen Alabay dog-breed and particular attitude to the dog of Turkmens were stated.

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#### **DATES**

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### **Honoring of mothers of many children**

The Social Organizations Center hosted the ceremony of honoring the mothers, who gave birth to eight and more children, on the occasion of conferring on them the honorary title «Ene mähri» in compliance with Ukase of the President of Turkmenistan. Besides, in the course of the festive ceremony in the khyakimlik of the capital, large families were presented with the keys to new enhanced-comfort apartments.

In his holiday Address to the women of independent neutral Turkmenistan, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted the meritorious labor of our dear mothers in upbringing of the growing generation in the spirit of lofty patriotism and humanism, in instilling in the youths of the feeling of selfless love and respect for the Motherland, people, society and family.

The speakers of the festive ceremonies have highlighted that representatives of the better half of mankind are working in the bodies of state power and management, in various branches of the national economy, making considerable contribution to the grandiose achievements of the Motherland. High educational level, proficiency, initiative, and efficiency are today the characteristic features of our contemporaries. Year after year, numerous women of the county are decorated with state awards – Orders and Medals.

All-round support of large families, improvement of their living conditions – are the issues of top priority of the state’s policy. The today’s festive ceremonies of presenting large families with the keys to new enhanced-comfort apartments in the run-up to International Woman’s Day will be unforgettable.

The grand ceremonies of honoring mothers, who gave birth to and brought up eight or more children and who in compliance with the Ukase of the President of Turkmenistan were awarded the honorary title «Ene mähri» and new enhanced-comfort apartments, were held in all velayat centers of the country.

By tradition, on behalf of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, the money gifts were presented to all representatives of the better half of mankind, including the girls of pre-school, secondary and high-education schools.

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#### **COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS**

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18 transactions were registered at the past week’s trades at the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan.

The contracts in the foreign currency for purchasing of the diesel fuel and motor gasoline (Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex) were made by entrepreneurs from the Arab United Emirates, Hong Kong, Turkey, and Afghanistan; Base oil was subject to the deals made by businessmen from UAE, Kazakhstan, and Afghanistan.

Besides, the deals in the foreign currency were made for purchasing of cotton yarn and motor vehicle by the buyers from Turkey and Afghanistan. The sum total of the deals was over US \$14,142 thousand.

The in-manat contracts for purchasing of cotton yarn and different medical produce were made by representatives of business circles of Great Britain and Turkey (over 774 thousand manats).

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