

STATUTE OF THE NETWORK OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCILS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES

The Judicial-Legal Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the High Judicial Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Council of Judges of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Council of Judges and Prosecutors of the Republic of Türkiye, the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to individually as a “Participant” and collectively as “Participants”,

Based on historical ties, common language, culture and traditions of the peoples of the Turkic states,

In line with Article 2 of the Nakhchivan Agreement on the Establishment of the Organization of Turkic States of 3 October 2009,

Pursuant to the Final Declaration of the 2nd Meeting of the Presidents of the Councils of Judges of the Member and Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States signed on 23 May 2024 in Istanbul,

Recognizing that the Judicial Councils of the Organization of Turkic States, as the authorities ensuring the independence of judiciary in their respective countries, cooperate closely to contribute to the establishment of a prompt, fair and effective judicial system by carrying out activities and procedures related to judges in accordance with their national legislation and the principles of the rule of law, the independence and impartiality of the courts and the security of tenure,

With a view to ensure the success and sustainability of collaboration among the Participants,

Have reached an understanding on the following provisions:

Paragraph 1 Establishment of the Network

Participants hereby establish a “Network of the Judicial Councils of the Organization of Turkic States”.

The Members of the Network are the Participants of the present Statute.

The objective of the present Statute is to lay down the principles and rules concerning establishment, structure and activities of the Network.

Paragraph 2 Legal Status

The present Statute is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations under international law.

Paragraph 3

Purpose and Activities

The Network, with the purpose of contributing to the works of the Participants to strengthen the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, to increase confidence in the judiciary, to strengthen the security of tenure and to increase the efficiency of the judiciary in their respective countries, will, *inter alia*:

- a. lay the groundwork for the development of effective communication and solidarity;
- b. share relevant legislation of the countries of the Participants;
- c. take consultative and advisory decisions on the matters within the scope of its duties;
- d. prepare exchange or training programmes for practical internship or on-site training of judges to be assigned by the Participants;
- e. encourage Participants to share information and experience on the structure and functioning of their respective organizations, practical challenges and solutions to those challenges;
- f. organize international conferences, seminars, symposiums, workshops or meetings;
- g. ensure the representation of the Network in the events organized by other countries and organizations;
- h. explore possibilities of cooperation with other countries, international and regional organizations, in order to perform related contacts, researches and correspondences;
- i. produce short or long-term projects or to develop and implement joint projects with international organizations;
- j. carry out research for the purpose of on-site observation of good practice examples in comparative law, and to ensure that the results of such research are shared with the Participants;
- k. conduct studies on potential areas of co-operation.

Paragraph 4

Structure of the Network

The Network will carry out its activity within its following mechanisms:

- Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants;
- Working Group.

Paragraph 5
Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants

Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants will be held regularly, at least once a year on a rotational basis in the countries of the Participants, as a rule, in accordance with the English alphabetical order of the names of the countries.

The Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants, being the highest organ of the Network, will determine the directions of activities of the Network, and take decisions regarding the cooperation of the Participants within the Network.

Paragraph 6
Working Group

The Working Group consists of the representatives of the Participants at the level of experts. Meetings of the Working Group may convene upon the decision of the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants, as well as on the request of any of the Participants.

The Working Group is responsible for conducting preparatory work for the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants, preparation of drafts of the documents to be submitted to the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants, facilitating and coordinating the joint activities of the Participants, discussing specific and/or technical issues etc.

Paragraph 7
Procedure

The Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants and the meetings of the Working Group will be chaired by the Participant hosting the meeting. Decisions at the meetings will be taken on the basis of the consensus by the Participants.

Participant hosting the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants or the meeting of the Working Group is responsible for ensuring correspondence and drawing minutes, implementation of the organizational support, organizing the meetings and carrying out coordination among the Participants.

The representatives of the Judicial Councils of the Observer States of the Organization of Turkic States may participate at the work of the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants or the Working Group, and express their opinions about the issues discussed.

The working language of the Network is English.

Paragraph 8
Financial Issues

For the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants and meetings of the Working Group, the travel expenses are covered by each Participant and the accommodation and subsistence expenses are covered by the Participant hosting the meeting.

Organizational, correspondence and stationery expenses related to the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants and the meetings of the Working Group are covered by the Participant hosting the meeting.

Paragraph 9
Termination of Membership

A Participant wishing to terminate its membership in the Network submits to the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants a declaration of its intention of termination, which is signed by the President of the related Participant. The confirmation of the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants will not be required for termination of the membership. The termination takes effect from the date of receipt of such a declaration by the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants.

Paragraph 10
Disagreements

Any disagreements that may arise during the interpretation or implementation of the present Statute will be solved amicably among the Participants through consultations and negotiations.

Paragraph 11
Dissolution of the Network

Dissolution of the Network is subject to the decision of the Meeting of the Presidents of the Participants.

Paragraph 12
Additions and Amendments

Additions and amendments to the present Statute may be made by mutual written consent of the Participants. Such addition(s) or amendment(s) shall be made in the form of a separate Protocol, which will be an integral part of the present Statute.

Signed on 19 June 2025 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, in English, in a single original copy.

The certified copy of the present Statute will be circulated among the Participants by the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States.

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