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## CLIMATE, EURASIAN UNION PRESIDENCY AMONG KAZAKHSTAN'S 2021 PRIORITIES

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Virtual conferences held in the run-up to Kazakhstans Independence Day on Wednesday (16 December) revealed the countrys priorities for 2021, including tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, delivering on the Paris climate agreement and presiding over the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

Kazakhstan, which takes over the presidency of the Russia-led EAEU from Belarus in 2021, is not only a founding member of the union, but to a certain extent its initiator.

In 1994, during a speech at Moscow State University, the first president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, suggested the creation of a Eurasian Union as a regional trading bloc in order to connect with and profit from the growing economies of Europe and East Asia.

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