
TURKIC COUNCIL REFORMS INTO ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC STATES

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The name of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council) has been officially changed to the Organization of Turkic States.

We are changing the name of our Council, which has developed its institutional structure and boosted its prestige in its region and beyond, to the Organization of Turkic States. Obviously, this historic change should not remain limited to rhetoric, it should be put into action as well, said Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in his address to the 8th Summit of the Turkic Council held in Istanbul on Friday.

The leaders of the council issued a declaration in April to change its name during the 8th summit held in Turkey and also instructed the foreign ministers and the international organization's secretariat to prepare the relevant documents to lay the groundwork for the decision.

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