

## **Azerbaijan - Turkmenistan relations**

### **Brief information on diplomatic relations:**

The diplomatic relations between the two countries were established on June 9, 1992. The Embassy of Turkmenistan to Azerbaijan was opened on June 8, 1999. Due to the lack of financial support the embassy of Turkmenistan was resettled to Ashgabad, Turkmenistan on June 8, 2001 and was reopened in Baku, Azerbaijan on April 8, 2008. The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Turkmenistan was opened on October 18, 2002. The ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Turkmenistan is Vahdat Sultan-zade.

### **High level visits and meetings:**

#### **Heads of States:**

**December 23-24, 1993** - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (The Summit of Heads of States CIS member states).

**May 14, 1994** - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (The Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization).

**March 18-19, 1996** - The President of Turkmenistan Saparmurat Niyazov paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.

**May 13, 1996** - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev paid a working visit to Turkmenistan.

**April 23-25, 2002** - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (The Summit of the littoral states of the Caspian Sea).

**May 19-20, 2008** - The President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.

**November 28-29, 2008** - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev paid an official visit to Turkmenistan.

**November 29, 2008** - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev paid an official visit to Turkmenistan (Trilateral Meeting between the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, President of Turkey Abdullah Gul and the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov in Turkmenbashi city).

**November 18, 2010** - The President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit of the Heads of States of the littoral states of the Caspian Sea).

**June 4, 2014** - Meeting of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov in Bodrum, Turkey (4<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States).

**June 5, 2014** - Trilateral meeting of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Turkey Abdullah Gul and President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov in Bodrum, Turkey (4<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States).

### **Heads of Governments:**

**February 14, 2007** - The Prime Minister of Azerbaijan Artur Rasi-zade paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (Inauguration Ceremony of the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov).

**November 22, 2007** - The Prime Minister of Azerbaijan Artur Rasi-zade paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (The Summit of Heads of Governments of CIS member states).

**December 5, 2012** - The Prime Minister of Azerbaijan Artur Rasi-zade paid a working visit to Turkmenistan.

### **Ministers of Foreign Affairs:**

**February 5, 1998** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Hasan Hasanov paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the experts group on coordinates of a median line of the Caspian Sea).

**March 30, 1998** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Boris Shikhmuradov paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the experts group on coordinates of a median line of the Caspian Sea).

**May 8, 1998** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Boris Shikhmuradov paid a visit to Azerbaijan (The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev).

**May 18-21, 1999** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Boris Shikhmuradov paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization).

**May 23, 2007** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Elmar Mammadyarov paid a visit to Turkmenistan.

**March 5, 2008** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov paid a working visit to Azerbaijan

**December 11, 2010** - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Elmar Mammadyarov paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (The international conference - “The permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan -cooperation for peace, security and prosperity” dedicated to the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the neutrality of Turkmenistan ).

**April 2-3, 2014** - Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.

**May 25-26, 2014** - Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov paid a visit to Azerbaijan (1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Turkey and Turkmenistan).

### **Inter-parliamentary relations:**

The head of Azerbaijan-Turkmenistan inter-parliamentary working group is Astan Shahverdiyev.

**June 18-20, 2008** - Chairperson of the Assembly (Parliament) of Turkmenistan Akja Nurberdiyeva paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Azerbaijani Parliament).

### **Humanitarian cooperaton:**

#### **Visits:**

**February 5-6, 2003** – Minister of Culture of Turkmenistan Orazgeldi Aydogdiyev paid a working visit to Baku (XIX meeting of Permanent Council of Ministers of Culture of Turkic Speaking Countries).

### **Cultural and humanitarian events:**

**November 3-6, 2009** – Cultural days of Azerbaijan held in Turkmenistan.

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**May 15-16, 2014** - Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan Abulfas Garayev paid a working visit to Turkmenistan (290<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mahtumkuli Fraghi).

**Contractual-legal basis:**

Over 40 documents were signed between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan.

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