

AROUND THE WORLD

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TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN, KYRGYZSTAN AND KAZAKHSTAN

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TURKMENISTAN

In Ashgabat, I had the honour of meeting with H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan. I commended him for his commitment to multilateralism and for remaining a global leader in, and advocate of, political neutrality. We discussed the need for a transformational recovery from COVID-19, the need to support Afghanistan and its people on their path towards peace and political reconciliation, the environmental crisis in the Aral Sea region, and more.



During my visit, I also met with H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and Mrs. Gulshat Mammedova, Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan. In addition to these meetings, I held a lively discussion with the UN Country Team to learn of initiatives and efforts underway in support of Turkmenistan and the Central Asian region. I congratulated Turkmenistan's 30th anniversary of independence and recognized a quarter-century of political neutrality and thanked the country for continuing to host the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and supporting its activities through dialogue and diplomacy.



UZBEKISTAN

In Tashkent, it was a privilege to meet with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev. I congratulated Uzbekistan on its election to the UN Human Rights Council and thanked for its active participation in the 75th session of the General Assembly. We also discussed the current situation in Afghanistan, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need for fair and equitable access to vaccines, the expansion of digital technologies, and needed efforts to empowering women and young people.

I was also pleased to meet with H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mrs. Tanzila Narbaeva, Chairperson of the Senate, and H.E. Mr. Nurdinjon Ismoilov, Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis.



In addition to these bilateral discussions, I had a fruitful dialogue with the UN Country Team and Resident Coordinator, Ms. Helena Fraser. Lastly, I visited the historic, UNESCO-recognized, cities of Samarkand and Bukhara.

SAMARKAND

As part of my official visit to Uzbekistan, I had the pleasure of visiting the historic, UNESCO-recognized, city of Samarkand.



BUKHARA

As part of my official visit to Uzbekistan, I had the pleasure of visiting the historic, UNESCO-recognized, city of Bukhara.



KYRGYZSTAN

In Bishkek, I had the honour of meeting with H.E. Mr. Sadyr Japarov, President of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. I thanked him for the hospitality and for his efforts and important contributions to the work of the General Assembly during the 75th Session.

Kyrgyzstan's initiatives and active role in the UN, especially on biodiversity and nature agendas, as well as its contributions to UN peacekeeping operations are important.

I also met with H.E. Mr. Dastan Dushekeev, the Chief of Foreign Policy Department at the Presidency Administration and H.E. Mr. Azizbek Madmarov, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan for fruitful discussions.

Lastly, I had a meeting with Mr. Adnan Quereshi, the UN Resident Coordinator Ad Interim, where I received updates about the important work of the UN Country Team in Kyrgyzstan.

The United Nations General Assembly and the UN Country Team will continue to work for the people of Kyrgyzstan.



KAZAKHSTAN



In Nur-Sultan, I was received by H.E. Mr. Kassym-Jomart K. Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan. I commended Kazakhstan for the lasting legacy of a successful UN Security Council membership and for hosting the Astana Process to seek a peaceful solution to the conflict in Syria. We discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and voiced mutual support for fair and equitable access to vaccines. We also spoke about the situation in Afghanistan and the need for international support to ensure peace and stability at this critical juncture. Lastly, I noted the leadership role played by Kazakhstan in amplifying the special development needs of Landlocked Developing Countries as the Chair of this group.

I also met with H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan. We discussed regional peace and security issues.



I met with H.E. Mr. Maulen Ashimbayev, Chairperson of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan and visited the UN House where I held an insightful discussion with the UN Country Team.

Lastly, I visited the Kazakhstan National Museum, the International Turkic Academy, Nur-Alem Expo Center, and Hazrat Sultan Mosque in Nur-Sultan, and participated in media engagements.

