



STATEMENT

of Kyrgyzstan delegation on agenda item 167 «Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly»
(14 October 2014)

Mr. Chairman,

As a member state of the Cooperation Council of Turkic speaking States Kyrgyzstan fully supports and aligns itself with the statement just made by the distinguished representative of Turkey as the Chairing country in the Council.

As we know, in 1994 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a decision 49/426 which stipulated to set up **two criteria** for the international organizations requesting the observer status:

First, **It should be an intergovernmental organization.**

Second, **Its activities should cover matters of interest to the General Assembly.**

In this regard, we strongly believe that the Cooperation Council meets all the criteria set out in the UNGA decision 49/426 and fully deserves to be granted the observer status in the General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to emphasize that the granting of the observer status in the UNGA to the Council would initiate a mutually beneficial dialogue between two organizations and greatly assist the Cooperation Council in its endeavors to foster regional initiatives.

As a newly emerged international organization, Turkic Council values cooperation with its counterparts. Currently, Turkic Council has developed interaction with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Economic

Cooperation Organization (ECO), Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC), Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and others.

In this vein, during the 12th ECO Summit hosted by the Government of Azerbaijan on 13-16 October 2012, observer status of the Turkic Council to ECO was endorsed.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, let me express our sincere hope that this time the Committee will be able to support our request and adopt by consensus the draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly”.

I thank you.