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President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov received the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium Karel de Gucht and Belgium ENEX process engineering Director General Koen Minne.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs congratulated the Turkmen leader on the national holiday – Neutrality Day and the recent remarkable event – the opening of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy in Ashgabat. The guest said that the policy of peaceableness and good neighborliness brought Turkmenistan to the front line in the world arena. Reaffirming Belgium's willingness to intensify the fruitful dialogue with Turkmenistan Mr. Karel de Gucht noted that the Turkmen leader's visit to Brussels had offered a new incentive to develop the dialogue.

The interlocutors exchanged views on a broad range of the issues of mutually advantageous co-operation based on the multi-aspect potential. In this regard the guest informed that the representatives of the Belgian leading companies intending establishing the long-term business contacts with Turkmenistan had arrived in the Turkmen capital. Focusing on the Belgian partners' intense interest in enhancing co-operation in the fuel and energy sector in particular through construction of liquefied gas production facilities in Turkmenistan Mr. Karel de Gucht said that Belgium could offer the relevant advanced technologies. The guests put forward the proposal to construct a silicone works in Turkmenistan.

Considering the sphere of education a priority field of partnership the interlocutors called for establishing the close inter-university relations. The guest said that Belgium was ready to train Turkmen teachers at the largest educational centers in Belgium.



Thanking the Belgian partners for the positive approach to co-operation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stated that Turkmenistan was ready for maintaining the equal constructive dialogue on the broad mutually advantageous basis. The Turkmen leader invited the Belgian companies to collaborate in the North-South transport and communication corridor project and development of the national processing industry basing on Turkmenistan's profound oil and gas potential, in particular.

Discussing the opportunities of partnership in applying the environmentally friendly energy-saving technologies ENEX CEO Koen Minne demonstrated a sample silicon battery to Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov.

The businessman said that Turkmenistan had the necessary resources for constructing a silicon works.

Upon concluding the meeting Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and the Belgian guests expressed belief that the bilateral relations would be successfully fostered reaffirming the reciprocal willingness to maintain effective collaboration in all fields.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Belgium to Turkmenistan Mark Van Risselberghe took part in the meeting.

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