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Turkmenistan's permanent neutrality as paradigm of dialogue, cooperation and security in Central Asia

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The principle of permanent neutrality in foreign policy

- UN Resolution 1995
- Aimed at strengthening national identity, political independence and sovereignty
- Turkmenistan's role in the regional peace-building process: mediation during Tajik civil war, supporting UN resolutions on Afghanistan crisis, humanitarian corridors
- The Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy (2007)

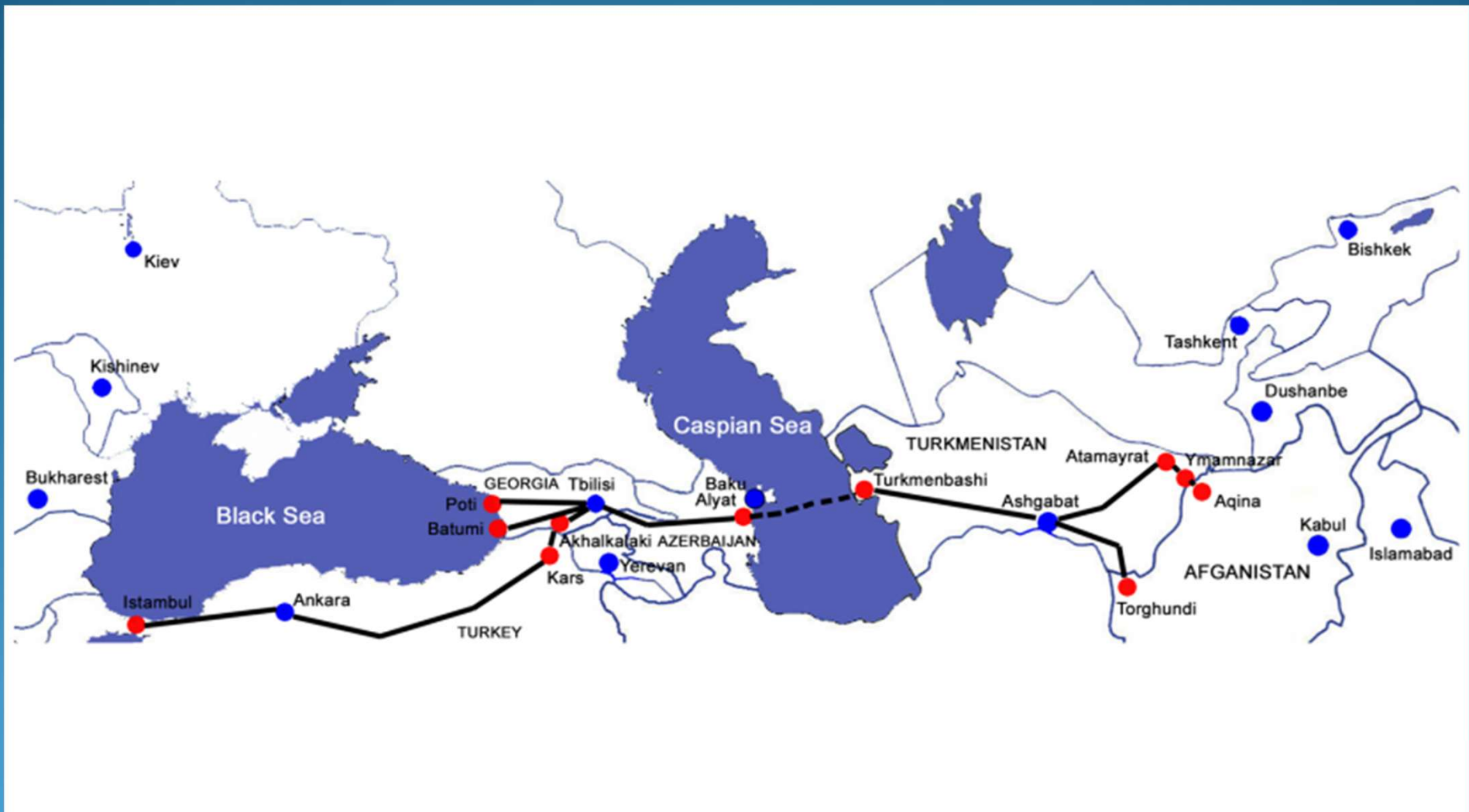
The principle of permanent neutrality in foreign policy

- Cooperation and good relations with all the regional countries and international actors
- Partnership with China, Russia, EU
- Cooperation with the other Central Asian states (recent free trade agreement with Uzbekistan, electricity exports to Tajikistan)
- Dialogue with Taliban to include Afghanistan in a framework of regional cooperation, downgrading security threats and stability concerns

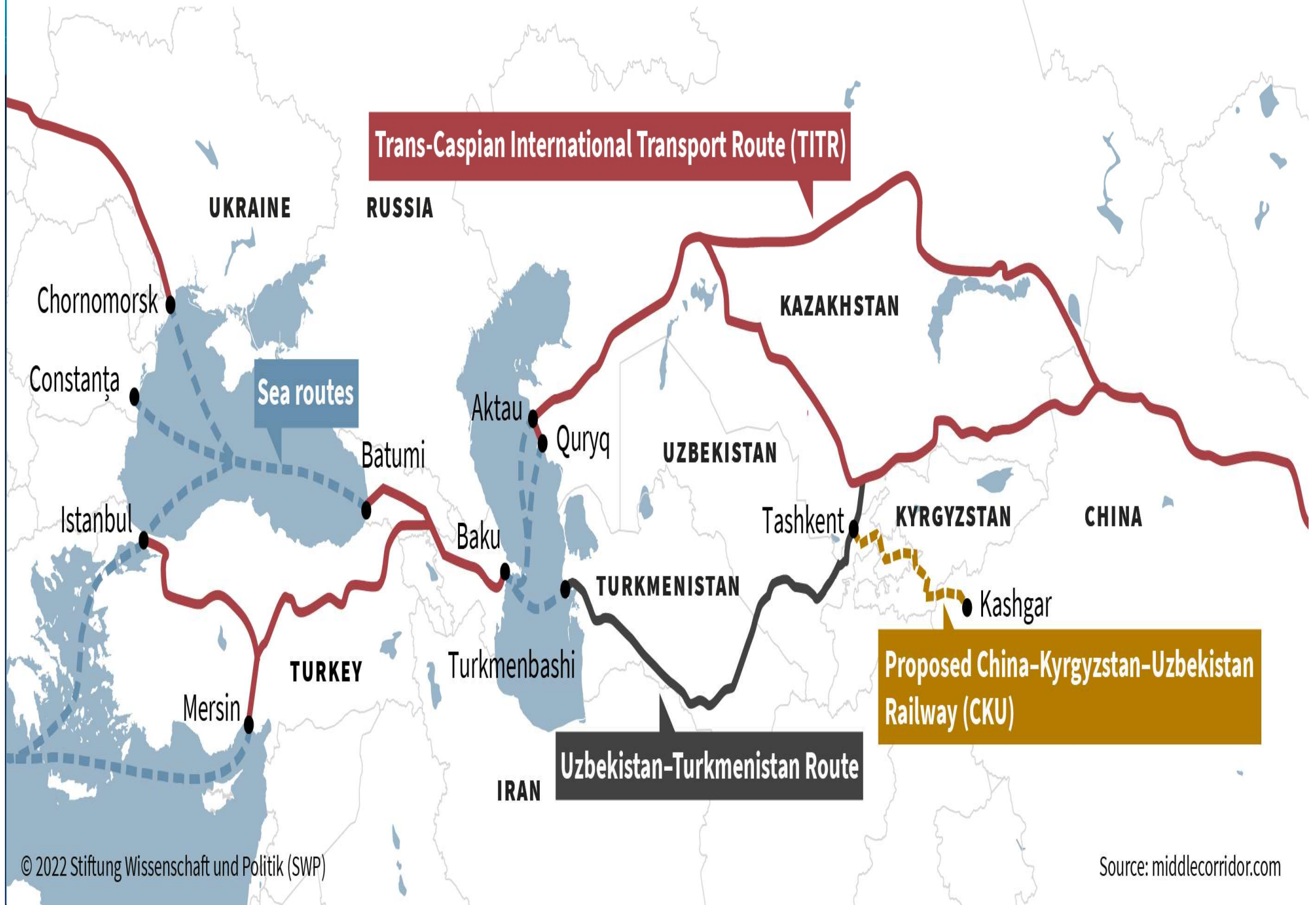
Turkmenistan and the regional connectivity architecture

- Lapis Lazuli corridor (Afghanistan and stability, Tajikistan, link to BTK)
- Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Afghanistan railway corridor
- Ashgabat-Turkmenabat highway (link Uzbekistan and Turkmenbashi port)
- TAPI gas pipeline and TAP-500 electricity corridor

The Lapis Lazuli corridor



The Middle Corridor





Conclusions

Turkmenistan is a key actor to improve cooperation in the region

The choice of non alignment in the regional context allows to preserve dialogue with all the countries so enhancing security and stability

Turkmenistan and Italy should continue to improve dialogue and cooperation both bilaterally and multilaterally (1+5 format)

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