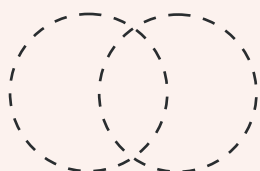




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CELEBRATION OF HUMANISTIC PRINCIPLES PHILOSOPHY OF 'DIALOGUE – GUARANTEE OF PEACE'



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The highly respected National Leader of the Turkmen people, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, has developed and presented to the international community a fundamental philosophical concept, 'Dialogue is the guarantee of peace,' which has the potential to renew significantly perceptions of the challenges of the 21st century, which require comprehensive solutions to the most complex issues of contemporary world politics. Of particular value in this regard is a new understanding of the humanistic principles of international relations, which contributes to the search for constructive solutions to consolidate joint efforts aimed at preserving universal human values, where peace and security, sustainable development and a happy future for people occupy a particularly important place.

The global initiative 'Dialogue – a guarantee of peace' aims to consolidate the efforts of the international community to strengthen the traditions of peaceful and trusting coexistence among the people of the world, restore values and worldviews, and define a culture of peace and trust as an integral factor in international relations. It is well known that this initiative was announced during the International Conference 'Peace and Trust Policy – the Basis for International Security, Stability and Development' held in Ashgabat in December 2021 and was unanimously supported by all its participants. The final document of the conference was distributed as a document of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. On 6 December 2022, during the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, the resolution submitted by Turkmenistan on declaring 2023 the International Year of Dialogue as a guarantee of peace, co-authored by 68 member states of the Organisation, was considered and unanimously adopted.

The promotion of humanistic values is coming to the fore as never throughout the entire system of modern international relations, especially in the context of multilateral diplomacy, primarily at the UN level.

The National Leader of the Turkmen people, in his speech at the third Antalya Diplomacy Forum (Antalya, 1 March 2024), emphasising the great importance of the concepts of ethics, justice and honour in international relations, noted: “These norms, in my opinion, are dictated by the daily concern for the humanisation of international relations and for people. In this context, modern diplomacy must adhere to a high humanistic course, take on the role of regulator of interpersonal relations, interaction between young people and children, through women's organisations, interparliamentary, cultural and sports partnerships, as these are particularly important today and help to reduce political misunderstanding and mistrust in international affairs. The task and essence of diplomacy is to conduct negotiations, seek common ground, and build strong bridges of cooperation. This is precisely what Turkmenistan's efforts are aimed at.

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Scientists and international relations experts from around the world are showing great interest in studying the worldview ideas and humanistic values developed within the framework of the philosophy of ‘Dialogue as a guarantee of peace,’ which is very important in understanding the significance of the foreign policy and diplomacy of neutral Turkmenistan.

In particular, it is necessary to note the growing interest and attention to the philosophy of the respected Hero-Arkadag in contemporary Italian society.

As well known, Turkmenistan and Italy have many years of positive experience in political dialogue and have great potential for cooperation in the trade, economic, cultural and humanitarian spheres, which opens up enormous opportunities for further fruitful partnership in the international arena. The Italian public's acquaintance with the rich history and culture of the Turkmen people contributes greatly to strengthening the friendship and spiritual closeness between Turkmenistan and Italy.

In his speech at the opening ceremony of the archaeological exhibition 'Ancient Civilisations of Turkmenistan' (Rome, 25 October 2025), His Excellency Serdar Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan, noted that: "Currently, international cooperation between Turkmenistan and the Italian Republic is developing fruitfully. Cultural ties occupy a special place in Turkmen-Italian cooperation. The rich experience and traditions of good neighbourliness accumulated in the cultural sphere contribute to the expansion of relations in this direction and stimulate interest in the history, culture and art of the two countries. One of the effective tools for promoting inter-state cooperation in the humanitarian sphere is the holding of cultural events in friendly states.

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Joint events dedicated to the rich historical heritage of our people also contribute to the widespread acquaintance of foreign friends with the cultural and humanitarian values of Turkmenistan. The books of the National Leader of the Turkmen people are of great interest, and their presentation becomes a significant event in bilateral relations.

In this context, it is noteworthy that on 8 November 2023, the book by the National Leader of the Turkmen people, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, 'The Spiritual World of the Turkmen,' was presented in Italian at the Ca' Sagredo Palace in Venice. Speaking at the event, Vice-Rector of the Ca' Foscari Institute, Professor Marcomini, noted that the book

'The Spiritual World of the Turkmen' will allow Italian society to become more familiar with the rich centuries-old history, culture and spiritual world of the Turkmen people, and will contribute to the further strengthening of traditional friendship and spiritual closeness between the two peoples.

'The Spiritual World of the Turkmen' - (Il mondo spirituale del Turkmenistan) - is a book about the high principles of humanism, noble character, devotion to the Motherland, and virtues inherent in the Turkmen people.

The speakers particularly noted the fundamental ideas of the book to value the legacy

and teachings of our ancestors about peace, goodness, and the preservation of harmony between man and nature.

In his works, the leader of the nation also explores the deep roots of humanism in the philosophical and literary heritage of the great poet Makhtumkuli Farghi. This was discussed on November 25th 2025 at the Palazzo Valentini during a conference dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the proclamation of permanent neutrality, the 34th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence and the declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Peace and Trust on the initiative of Turkmenistan. The forum was organised by the Embassy of Turkmenistan in the Italian Republic in conjunction with the Italian Institute of Asia (ISIA).

In their speeches, the conference participants paid special attention to the importance of inter-civilisational dialogue, peaceful ideas and the humanistic principles of Turkmenistan's neutrality, which form a solid foundation for both the country's domestic and foreign policy.

Turkmenistan's foreign policy strategy of neutrality contributes to strengthening regional security, promoting mutually beneficial international contacts and economic development. In this regard, broad support was noted for Turkmenistan's peaceful international initiatives, initiated by the National Leader of the Turkmen people, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, and successfully implemented by the President of Turkmenistan, Serdar Berdimuhamedov, aimed at promoting peace, trust and sustainable development.

Conference participants highly appreciated the unique originality of folk art, which reflects the ideas of friendship, brotherhood and humanism. In this regard, the publication of Makhtumkuli Fraga's works in Italian is an indicator of fruitful humanitarian cooperation between the two countries.

The works of the Leader of the Nation clearly reveal a philosophical logic that stems from the interconnection of factors in the historical process and the holistic civilisational development of humanity. It is no coincidence, therefore, that the book 'The Spiritual World of the Turkmen' contains such a magnificent phrase that great personalities create a great nation, and a great nation, in turn, creates great

personalities. [Berdimuhamedow G. Hakyda göwheri. A.: Türkmen döwlet neşirýat gullugy, 2024. S.8]

In his works, the leader of the nation pays special attention to the genesis of the wisdom of the people, the traditions of educating a highly educated generation of young people with high erudition and comprehensive knowledge. In this context, it is interesting to reveal the meaning of the Turkmen word ‘akyldar’ - a wise man, as an example of a wise approach to the very process of dialogue. In this regard, the book ‘The Spiritual World of the Turkmen’ analyses the philosophical heritage of such great thinkers as Khorezmi, Biruni, Ibn Sina, Farabi, Omar Khayyam and others. [Berdimuhamedow G. Hakyda göwheri. A.: Türkmen döwlet neşirýat gullugy, 2024. pp. 178-179]

In view of the above, ensuring a harmonious combination of strategic sustainable development goals with humanistic values in international politics is a very important task of our time. [Berdimuhamedow G. Parahatçylyk sazy, dostluk, doganlyk sazy. – A.: Türkmen döwlet neşirýat gullugy. p.254].

The philosophical teachings of Hero-Arkadag are distinguished by the logical integrity of their generalisation of ideas at the cultural and civilisational level. In particular, the book Turkmenistan – the Motherland of Neutrality clearly demonstrates the fundamental role of shared universal values. People have always wanted and dreamed of living in peace, which is the basis of all human creative activity. The key condition for achieving this goal is a sustainable process of strengthening peace and prosperity, as well as good-neighbourly relations between countries and peoples. [Berdimuhamedow G. Turkmenistan – Bitaraplygyň mekany. – A.: Türkmen döwlet neşirýat gullugy, 2020. S.19]

Thus, it can be summarised that, as applied to international relations, the philosophy of ‘Dialogue – a guarantee of peace’ reflects the deep interconnection between universal and national values. Dialogue at this level is ensured by the elevation of such humanistic values as mutual respect and trust, mutual understanding and the desire to live in peace on the international stage.