**JOINT STATEMENT**

**of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs**

**of Kazakhstan and Kuwait**

Following an invitation by Sheikh/Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs of the State of Kuwait, on 24-25 March, 2022 Mukhtar Tileuberdi, the Deputy Prime-Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan visited Kuwait City.

The two sides noted with appreciation the high level of relations based on the mutual understanding and interaction, as well as the friendly relations between the peoples of two States, reviewed the ways of furthering the bilateral cooperation. Both Ministers exchanged views on the relevant issues of regional and international agenda.

The two sides declared the Establishment of the Joint Commission between the Government of the State of Kuwait and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the level of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, by signing a new of Memorandum of Understanding at any convenient time for either side.

The two sides were pleased to note the launching of the regular flights between Kazakhstan and Kuwait, which is set to push forward the trade, economic and investment ties, as well as the tourism.

The two sides noted the importance of signing of Agreements and Memorandum which are pending before the relevant authorities of both States, especially the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Elimination of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital.

Deputy Prime-Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi welcomed the intention of the State of Kuwait to join the Conference on Interaction and the Confidence-Building Measures in Asia as its full-fledged member. Kuwait’s active role in the CICA process would significantly contribute to security and stability in Asia. In this regard, the Kazakhstani side expects participation of H.H. Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait in the 6th CICA Summit scheduled for October 12-13, 2022 in Nur-Sultan.

Kazakhstani side expressed hope that Kuwait will be represented by high-level delegation at the 7th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions scheduled to be held on 14-15 September, 2022 in Nur-Sultan.

The Deputy Prime-Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi expressed his gratitude to Kuwait for the assistance in conducting the humanitarian Operation “Zhusan” aimed at repatriation of Kazakhstan’s citizens from Syria. The two sides agreed to continue this partnership.

Noting the importance of maintaining of regular consultations between the ministries of foreign affairs of both countries, the two sides agreed to organize the visit of Sheikh/Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2023.

**Kuwait City, 24 March, 2022**