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The Secretariat of the Turkic Council presents its compliments to the Members of the Turkic University Union and with reference to its Note 2016-0802 dated 19 December 2016, has the honor to communicate the following:

At the Second Summit of the Turkic Council held on 23 August 2012 under the theme of "Educational, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation", the Heads of States underlined the importance of establishing substantial, wide ranging cooperation in the fields of science and education through joint institutions and specific programmes.

At the Fourth Summit held on 5 June 2014 in Bodrum, Turkey, the Heads of State appreciated the endorsement of the "Directive for the Establishment of the Turkic University Union and its Higher Education Area" and urged the continuation of technical meetings aimed at full-operationalization of the Union, and instructed relevant Ministries and state institutions to implement necessary measures to this end.

Taking into account the utmost attention of the Heads of State to the education files within the Turkic Council and in order to start the Orkhun Process, the Secretariat kindly reminds the Member Universities to transmit their views **by the end of February 2017** on the issue of launching the First Pilot Project for the exchange programme among the students and academicians of faculties of Political Science and International relations for the academic year of 2017-2018.

Upon the consent of the Member Universities to launch the project, as the Chair University, the Kyrgyz Turkish Manas University proposed to organize a meeting on the First Pilot Project for the exchange programme on 6-7 April 2017 in Bishkek in order to finalize the process and sign a document which would define and determine the modalities of the exchange.

The Secretariat also kindly asks the Member Universities to inform the Secretariat about their participation at the above-mentioned meeting **by the end of February 2017**.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Members of the Turkic University Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

Istanbul, 7 February 2017

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