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TURKEY - PAKISTAN - AZERBAIJAN TRILATERAL VISION ON COMMON CIVILIZATION

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Panel Notes

On 3.11.2020 at 2.30 pm “Turkey – Azerbaijan – Pakistan Trilateral Vision on Common Civilization” panel held online by DIPAM and Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS). At the panel moderated by

DIPAM President Tolga SAKMAN, CGSS President and Retired Major General Syed Khalid Amir JAFFERY, Azerbaijan Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center) President Ambassador Dr. Farid SHAFİYEV and Former Representative of

OIC, Ambassador (R) Aydın NURHAN participated as speakers.

Moderator Tolga SAKMAN introduced the speakers and listed the topics to be discussed in the panel. Moderator has announced what means a common vision of civilization and said that in the panel speakers will evaluate Turkey-Pakistan relations and cooperation. "Three Countries, One Nation" called Turkey, Pakistan and Azerbaijan's stance, become symbols of their existence. He stated that the conflicts in different geographies such as Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus, Nagorno-Karabakh and Kashmir are fundamentally similar. Although these problems have not been brought to the agenda for a long time, he described their frequent and intensive discussion as the beginning pains of the new age. Sakman said it was not just security oriented relations between Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan and stressed that the cultural and fraternal ties between the trio. Finally, he talked about the importance and necessity of acting together.

Syed Khalid Amir JAFFERY mentioned the historical ties between the three states and said that there was friendship, cooperation and brotherhood between them. He stated that the ties between the trio are unique in the world and that the relations will not deteriorate. He evaluated the discourse of "three states, one nation" and stated that there are multi-dimensional collaborations between the three. Citing the strategic cooperation between Turkey and Pakistan stated that these relations could be improved. Likewise, he stated that the strategic cooperation between Pakistan and Azerbaijan is strong. He evaluated the common points and similar structure of the language spoken by all three countries

throughout history. He drew attention to the importance of the Silk Road and that all three countries are on the Silk Road route.

Speakers addressing the relationship between the three countries, based on the history of Turkey's support for Pakistan and stressed that this support is very strong. He stated that both countries have extensive cultural, commercial, strategic and military cooperation. Speakers pointed Pakistani Leader's admiration for Turkey has evaluated the view that the founding leader of Pakistan to Turkey. He also stated that both countries have shared good relations in the historical process since their establishment. He drew attention to the continuity of this support by referring to their attitudes in times of war and peace. In particular, he mentioned that the communication between leaders was strong. Speakers noted that Pakistan and Turkey improved their relations day by day. He stated that the same situations apply to Pakistan and Azerbaijan relations. Referring to the bilateral strategic cooperation, he stated that Azerbaijan provided all kinds of support to Pakistan on Kashmir, especially in the international arena. Likewise, he said that Pakistan provided all kinds of support to Azerbaijan in the Karabakh issue, especially the UN support. He stated that the influence of the trio is important in the peace and stability of the region and that the three states can support each other in this process. He underlined that as international institutions, these relations can be further developed in this way.

Ambassador Dr. Farid SHAFIYEV talked about the importance of the support of the peoples of all three states to each other and talked about the

multidimensionality of relations in modern and recent times as well as historical ties. He said that Turkey and Pakistan the first countries which recognize Azerbaijan and stated that it also appreciated by Azerbaijan. Stating that all three countries have a common denominator and that they are dealing with different problems, he stated that these problems harm these countries politically and in many other ways. He underlined the importance of solidarity in such times.

He emphasized that it is very important for Azerbaijan to be supported by Pakistan in the UN and stated that it played an important role in the announcement of the Armenian occupation in the international arena. He stated that this support in the UN was of great importance for Azerbaijan, which had just gained its independence, in 1993 and that this support brought the Armenian occupation to the international agenda. Emphasizing that think tanks can play a very important role in trilateral relations, he stated that think tanks and academics in all three countries can work together and cooperate. He expressed the importance and necessity of this situation.

He stated that the politically and militarily strong countries such as Russia, Britain, France and the USA, which he refers to as global powers, have opposite opinions on many issues such as the political stance of Europe's security, China's position and policies. On the other hand, he stated that all of these forces follow the same policies regarding the problem between Azerbaijan and Armenia, and claimed that their attitudes contain pressure against Azerbaijan. He stated that France, Russia and the USA were the official mediators of this conflict and stated that these states should be neutral.

Shafiyev, has stated that among Western countries' and Russia's scholars about the events of 1915 existence of a stance against Turkey. The speaker stated that the think tanks in these three countries can display an attitude and narrative against the colonial states in Central Asia, South Asia, the Middle East and the Caucasus, especially in the regions they are located in. He mentioned the role of the media in this process and the importance of this role. He stated that all three countries should cooperate in order to find solutions regarding regional development and conflicts.

Ambassador Aydın NURHAN drew attention to Islamophobia existing around the world and regretfully stated how misunderstood Islam was. He stated that Islamophobia is a very wrong act and that this situation should change. He evaluated the historical background of the Muslim world and the Christian world and interpreted these religions and the countries belonging to these religions in terms of tolerance.

Speaker has evaluated Turkey and Russia relationship and also drew attention to the rapprochement between Pakistan and China. In light of these relationships he has said that Turkey and Pakistan have questioned the common points of the bilateral relations and future cooperation should meet at a common denominator. He emphasized presence of common media channel between Turkey, Pakistan and Malaysia and pointed out that Azerbaijan could participate in it. He emphasized that a new union should be born against the Western world and stated that the foundations of this union should be laid as soon as possible.

He emphasized the importance of the "three nations one state" discourse and stated that this motto should be carried into the future. He criticized Armenia's attitude sharply by evaluating the situation between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which has been on the agenda recently. Speaker with mentioning effects of countries like US, Russia and France said that Armenia cannot make contact with these powers without Turkey. Referring to the relations between Russia and Armenia, he claimed that Armenia is Russia's puppet. He underlined that with the solution of the Karabakh problem, security and stability in the region can only be achieved. Only after the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the resolution of the so-called genocide allegations of the Armenians, economic block could be shaped between Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia maybe with participations of Russia and Iran. He emphasized the importance of the cooperation between Azerbaijan and Pakistan and said that the cooperation should increase even more.

Moderator Tolga SAKMAN told the speakers, "Do you believe that the non-Western centric era has begun?". And added these questions Turkey, Azerbaijan and Pakistan's how it should work together, how this cooperation, which rebuilds civilization, could be institutionalized.

Syed Khalid Amir JAFFERY stated that natural block for Pakistan is Turkey, Azerbaijan, Central Asia and China. He stated that he believes that the three countries that are the subject of the panel should develop a common policy in the region. In addition to these, he stated that efforts are made to develop common economic policy and common geopolitical

goals. He stated that Pakistan currently has an intelligence sharing program with Azerbaijan, and that the idea of a joint news source with China and Malaysia in addition to three countries is very important and that it can be developed. He said that he joined Aydın NURHAN about Islamophobia, and stated that this situation was spread and provoked. Against this, he stated that the Muslim world should unite. He stated that all three countries should come together and have a common thought process.

Dr. Farid SHAFIYEV stated that common media, joint academy and common education platforms should be established and emphasized the importance of this and emphasized that a common culture and common vision should be formed. He emphasized that this formation should not be structured against any party and said that such an attitude should not be taken against the western world. He stated that Azerbaijan could participate and support the joint media channel and stated that what will be done should focus on what can be done together, not against one side.

Aydın NURHAN stated that he did not participate Dr. Farid SHAFIYEV's ideas. As a reason, he stated that Turkey is waiting door of Europe since 200 years and did not get any achievement. He stated that not elsewhere in the world but all the enemies of Turkey located in NATO. Nurhan pointed US Presidential Candidate Joe Biden's remarks about Turkey, and stated that Biden is not friend of Turkey. He claimed that Turkey was surrounded by US and European powers with emphasizing European powers' support to PKK and related terrorist organizations. He found this situation dangerous for Azerbaijan by evaluating the relations

between Azerbaijan and Israel. Speaker with referring to relations of Turkey and Pakistan has said Pakistan is a nuclear power. He said he believes Pakistan's cooperation in the defense industry with Turkey and mentioned the importance of it.

Reminding that all three countries have very important resources, he stated that there are many areas for cooperation between the three. He said that cooperation in the defense industry developed and that these could be developed further.



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Tolga SAKMAN, who graduated from Kocaeli University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration in 2010, started the International Relations Master Program of the War Academies Command (newly National Defense University) Strategic Research Institute (SAREN) in the same year and he graduated at 2013 with his thesis about “Analysis of Turkish Diaspora’s Participation Process to European Political System: The Cases of Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium”. He is currently continuing his doctorate studies at Istanbul University.

He has prepared about 20 paper works and 8 books/book chapters especially on security and European politics and coordinate nearly 20 projects at home and abroad.

Ambassador Aydın NURHAN was born in Turkey in 1949, and he is a graduate of the Law School of Ankara University.

In his diplomatic career, he served as Ambassador to Accra, also accredited to Togo and Benin, previously Consul General in Azerbaijan, Austria and Australia. He was the Director General of Science and Technology at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah.

In his last posting at the Headquarters, he was the acting Chairman of the Center for Strategic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. Earlier, he was among the diplomatic core establishing Turkish International Cooperation Agency TICA.

Nominated by the MFA of Turkey for the post of Permanent Representative of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to Afghanistan, Ambassador Nurhan retired from the Foreign Office and served in Kabul from 2013 to 2017.

Ambassador Dr. Farid SHAFIYEV was educated at Baku State University where he studied history and law. Amidst his professional career, he went on to Harvard University Kennedy School of Government where he obtained a Master Degree in Public Administration. Further, Dr. Shafiyev acquired a PhD in History from Carleton University in Ottawa.

In 1996 Farid Shafiyev joined the Foreign Service. Within the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry in Baku, he worked in the Political-Military Issues Division and in the United Nations Affairs Division.

His assignments include postings to the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations in New York in 1998-2001 and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Canada in 2005-2009.

In 2009 Farid Shafiyev was appointed Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Canada where he served until July 2014. From July 2014 to February 2019 Dr. Shafiyev was Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the Czech Republic.

On 19 February 2019 he was appointed the Chairman of the Center of Analysis of International Relations.

Major General Syed Khalid Amir JAFFERY, HI(M), (Retd) is the President of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies, Islamabad (CGSS). Major General Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery, HI(M), (Retd) is a retired armed forces officer who during his military career and after retirement remained at various significant appointments at national and international level. Being in Pakistan Army he held various instructional, staff and command assignments including Military Intelligence Directorate, General Headquarters and Inter-Services Intelligence Headquarters which gave him a rich expertise in the field of intelligence and leadership.

He contributes his influential expertise to regional connectivity in public forums around the globe; engaged in different activities, seminars, conferences in the region. Major General Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery, HI(M), (Retd) is recognized as confident communicator and an outstanding mentor who enjoys supporting others, demonstrating a lead-by-example approach. Retired from Military as Major General in year 2010. He is a frequent participant/guest speaker at different Seminars/Studies/Round Table Conferences and Interactive Session from the stage of CGSS and other Think Tanks/Institutions in Pakistan and abroad. He represented CGSS and Pakistan at various international Forum Meetings in different countries including China, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Sri Lanka. He has created dozens of unique keynotes based on audience expectations. A wonderfully eloquent and engaging speaker, he is always remembered long after the conference by audience members for his insightful insights.