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To participants of the International Scientific Conference «Ancient Margiana is the New Centre of the World Civilization»

Respected participants of the international scientific conference,

Dear guests,

You are welcome to Turkmenistan, which has left indelible trace in the history of humankind, the homeland of rich cultural center, the cradle of great revivals, the center of immense transformations. You are welcome to the country, which has recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of its glorious independence. I cordially felicitate you on the opening of the International Conference "Ancient Margiana-New Center of World Civilization".

Today, highly honored specialists from several world countries have again come to the country of old civilizations, which has made ponderable contribution to the development of world cultures. At the beginning of the 3rd millennium BC, Altyndepe, Margiana, Parthia and

other antique states had great influence on the political, economical and cultural life of the major Central Asian region and relations between the East and the West, the North and the South in its time.

Since ancient times, the Turkmen land has situated at the junction of the Great Silk Road. It created conditions for the developed Turkmen culture to influence other cultures of world peoples. At the same time, the cultures of world peoples bore their impact on the enrichment of Turkmen people's cultural heritage.

Respected guests!

Today, you are provided with a great opportunity to familiarize widely with the results of large-scope archeological excavations and research work performed at Gonurdepe historical site in Mary velayat. I firmly believe that relying on scientific data, you will completely reassess the role of Turkmenistan in the world history. In this regard, a particular task falls upon your shoulders. Our knowledge of the past forms the foundation of our state. Therefore, we should educate our younger generation in the spirit of great love and pride in valuable spiritual and cultural heritage of our brave ancestors.

Important issues like revealing of several unknown pages of our prehistoric history and delivering of detailed papers on the developed civilization of first farmers who settled on fertile lands of the Murgap River and founded one of the oldest state polity and its capital Gonurdepe are set before you. We highly appreciate the work of archaeologists, historians and restorers of ancient buildings. Several historical sites including Ancient Merv have been registered with the list of the World Heritage sites by the UNESCO. It is attributed to the active and long-term collaboration of scholars from different international countries in Turkmenistan and in Mary velayat which possesses a great number of prehistoric sites of vanished civilizations in particular. Special institutions of the Ministry of Culture, TV and Radio Broadcasting of Turkmenistan, the National Culture Center "Miras", higher educational establishments as well as research institute are engaged in the study of historical and cultural values of Turkmen people, their preservation, and popularization in our country. We have

constructed wonderful buildings for the National Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts and they possess valuable finds and unique artifacts of ancient skilled masters from archaeological excavations which have been carried out by archaeologists in Turkmenistan for long years. In view of high results of archaeological excavations in our country, in the nearest future, we will construct a separate museum where the most valuable finds from Margush, Nyssa, Dehistan, Koneurgench, Sarahs as well as from many other historical sites and monuments will be preserved.

Dear Participants of the International Scientific Conference,

Dear Guests,

I believe that your papers which will be presented at the conference will have wide response not only in Turkmenistan, but among the scientific circles of the whole world as well.

I wish the participants of the International Conference "Ancient Margiana New Center of World Civilization an effective work, sound health, and family wellbeing and great success in their research.

Welcome to ancient Margiana, a treasury of new discoveries,

I hope the people who represent the country where the Sacred Rukhnama came into light, their humanism and inspiration will encourage you into new heights.

May happiness and success follow you forever! May inspiration accompany you in your research activity!

May your souls be raised as high as the Flag!

**President of Turkmenistan
Saparmurat TURKMENBASHI**