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**Subject: Ambassador's Remarks at the Indian States  
Promotion Event**

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*Deputy Hakim of Mary Region H.E. Mrs. Chemen Akyyeva,*

*Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*Namaste, Good Afternoon, Gunungiz Hayyrly Bolsun!*

It is my pleasure to visit the beautiful oasis city of Mary and to take part in today's special event to promote trade-economic cooperation between Indian States and the Mary Region of Turkmenistan. It is fitting that the first such event during this year is taking place in Mary, a city which shares the legacy of millennia old trade and cultural linkages with India. I would like to express my special gratitude to Her Excellency the Deputy Hakim of Mary Region and other dignitaries for their gracious presence in today's event.

2. At the outset, I would like to emphasize that under the able guidance of Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi and the President of Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Serdar Berdimuhamedov, India-Turkmenistan partnership has been growing steadily in recent years, for the mutual benefit of our peoples. Earlier today, I took part in the inauguration of an Indian Film Festival in Mary and I was glad to witness the growing popularity of Indian Films, Yoga, Ayurveda, Hindi Language etc in Turkmenistan. Since today's event is focused on trade and economic cooperation, I will briefly touch upon the rapid transformation underway in India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As you know, India is the world's fastest growing major economy, which is poised to become its 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy in a couple of years. India is home to the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest start-up ecosystem, with more than 120 Unicorns i.e. start-up companies each worth

more than US\$ 1 bn. You might be aware that during the Covid-19 pandemic, India had not only administered 2.2 bn doses of vaccine to its own nationals but also supplied 300 mn doses to about 100 countries across the world. In recent years, India has emerged as a major space power, with its achievements such as the successful docking of two of its satellites in the near-earth orbit, placement of its “Aditya L1” spacecraft into a halo orbit to observe the Sun and the soft landing of the “Chandrayaan-3” spacecraft near the Moon’s South Pole. India’s UPI (Unified Payments Interface) now accounts for 49% of all global real-time digital payment transactions, even as India has established itself as a global leader in the fields of Information Technology, Renewable Energy, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals etc.

3. Although India has got 28 States and 8 Union Territories, today I will focus on the opportunities for trade-economic cooperation between Mary Region of Turkmenistan and 5 Indian States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

- **Andhra Pradesh:** With a coast line of more than 1000 km and 15 ports, Andhra Pradesh is often called the Eastern Gateway of India. It is home to the deep-sea water port of Visakhapatnam, which handled more than 82 million tons of cargo last year. With a population of 50 million and a GDP of US\$ 190 billion, Andhra Pradesh is among the rapidly developing states of India. About 3.5 million mobile phones are produced every month in the electronics manufacturing clusters of Andhra Pradesh. The State has an installed power capacity of more than 27 GW and is a leader in the sectors of Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Textiles, Information Technology, etc.
- **Gujarat:** Gujarat accounts for nearly 30% of India’s total exports and is known as the “Growth Engine of India”. With a coastline of more than 2000 km, Gujarat has been an important trade hub for more than 5000 years. The State has an area of 200000 sq km, population of more than 70 mn and GDP of US\$ 320 bn. It accounts for 90% of the polished

diamonds in the world and is home to world's largest petroleum refining hub in Jamnagar. GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) is the premier Greenfield Smart City and the only International Financial Services Centre in India showcasing the integration of technology, sustainability and international standards of urban development. The ongoing construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project as well as a 30 GW Solar and Wind Energy Project in Kutch are expected to revolutionize the economy of the region. Gujarat is also a leader in the sectors of Food Processing, Automobiles, Pharmaceuticals, Textiles etc.

- **Madhya Pradesh:** Madhya Pradesh, located in Central India, is the largest producer of Manganese and Diamonds in India. The State is rich in minerals including Copper and Coal. It has an area of more than 300,000 sq km, a population of 87 million and a GDP of more than US\$ 180 billion. Madhya Pradesh is a leading producer of wheat, soybean, pulses, and cotton. The focus sectors of Madhya Pradesh include Automobiles, Textiles, Food Processing and Pharmaceuticals.
- **Maharashtra:** Maharashtra is the richest state in India, with a GDP of US\$ of 570 bn GDP, which accounts for more than 14% of India's GDP. Its capital Mumbai is known as India's "Financial and Commercial Capital" and is home to the world's largest film industry "Bollywood" as well as the oldest stock exchange in Asia. Maharashtra is well connected with 2 Major Ports (Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port), 48 Minor Ports and 13 Airports. The 1500 km long Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) Project is a major driver for the State's economic growth. Major focus sectors of Maharashtra include Auto Components, Semiconductors & IT Hardware, Metals & Mining, Chemicals.
- **Rajasthan:** Rajasthan is among the leading producers of marble and minerals in India, with large reserves of sandstone and granite. Rajasthan is also among the largest producers of millets, blended fabric and wool. It is the largest

state in India with an area of 342000 sq km. Rajasthan is a leader in renewable energy with installed capacity of solar power of 32 GW and is home to “Bhadla”, one of the world’s largest Solar Power Parks. Rajasthan is well known for its rich culture, especially its colorful forts, palaces, desert and handicrafts. The focus sectors of the State include Tourism, Renewable Energy, Metals & Mining and Automobiles.

4. In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm that India considers Turkmenistan as a close friend, partner and a fellow developing country in India’s “Extended Neighborhood”. In line with the ancient Indian philosophy of “*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (World is One Family)*”, India stands ready to share its developmental experience and expertise with Turkmenistan, including in the fields of Oil & Gas, Chemicals & Fertilizers, Agriculture, Health, Digital Public Infrastructure, Capacity Building etc. Once again, thank you all for joining in today’s special event to promote trade-economic cooperation between Indian States and Mary Region! Sag Bolunz!

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