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## REGIONAL INTEGRATION AMONG TURKIC SPEAKING COUNTRIES

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### Abstract

This article deal with the Regional integration among Turkic speaking countries.

The paper utilizes the “natural trading partners” hypothesis as strong empirical criterion for evaluating success of Turkic States Trade. “Natural trading partner” hypothesis—based on “trade volume”, “geographic proximity” and the “complementarity” approaches. Regional integration is a process in which neighboring countries makes an agreement to work and cooperate closely together to achieve stability, good future etc.

**Keywords:** Regional integration, Turkic speaking countries, natural trading partners, trade volume, geographic proximity, complementarity.

### Түйіндеме

Бұл мақалада Түркі тілдес елдер арасындағы өңірлік интеграция қарастырылады. «Шынайы суда қарым-қатынасы» гипотезасын пайдалана отырып Түрлі Елдер арасындағы сауда қатынасының даму жолдарын талқылайды. Бұл гипотезада – сауда қатынасының мөлшері, геофикалық орналасуы және комплиментарлылық дәрежесі қолданылады. Интергация, ол көрші елдердің бір-бірімен жұмыс жасау шартына келуі арқылы экономикалық тұрақтылыққа, жарқын болашаққа жетуі.

**Түйінді сөздер:** Өңірлік интеграция, Түркі тілдес елдер, Шынайы суда қарым-қатынасы, сауда қатынасы мөлшері, геофикалық орналасу, комплиментарлылық.

### Introduction

In a fit of integration, leaders of Turkic countries held their first summit in 1992 in Ankara. In Istanbul in 1994, Bishkek in 1995, Tashkent in 1996, Astana in 1998, Baku in 2000, again in Istanbul in 2001, Antalya in 2006.

In 2009, four countries initiated a multilateral framework for region-wide integration under the Turkic Council or in full the Cooperation Council of Turkic-Speaking States “CCTS”, 3 October 2009 in Nakhchivan. So, it was written as Nakhchivan Agreement. Idea of setting up this council was put forward by President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev in 2006. This

council consists of four countries: Kazakhstan, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan. Also have two future members: Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. (reflection, 2014)

Nakhchivan Agreement has different missions and objectives which consist of democratic value, human rights, the rule of law etc. The main of the Agreements are:

- The development of common positions on foreign policy issues;
- Coordination of actions to combat international terrorism;
- Aiming for a comprehensive and balanced economic growth, social and cultural development;
- Promote interaction of media and other means of communication.

Also, Turkic Council works under six processes: economy, culture, education, transport, customs and diasporas.

Regional Integration is the important way in which we have to move. Integration leads to economical growth. By developing integration, countries will start to trade with each other, communication between countries will be developed, and all together it gives positive side in economical position. By developing economics, countries will open different companies. To Kazakhstan it will lead to open more manufacturing companies, unemployment will exactly decrease.

To start real Integration, we have to answer to the main question:

*Are Turkic speaking countries Natural Trading Partners?*

This hypothesis has some standards which have to be satisfied:

- *Trade volume.* Trades between countries have to be good or satisfied. Trade volume will show countries economical position. (Lutz, 2001)
- *Geographic proximity.* Countries have to be more close to each other to provide low cost and quick delivery time needed for the goods or service. (Krugman)
- *Complementarity.* When two or more goods are complementary, they experience joint demand. (Schiff, 1999)

Economical integration – when countries get into agree to remove trade barriers between them.

There also have different ways of integration – social, educational, racial. (Regional\_integration)

Regional Integration theory firstly become with Viner (1950) (RICHARD E. BALDWIN, 2004 ) with name customs union theory.

In 4th Summit of Cooperation Council of Turkic-Speaking States Turkic states will replenished with new member – Turkmenistan, which till 2009 has observer status. (Панфилова, 2014)

Some experts have negative opinions about process of Integration among Turkic speaking countries: *First problem* - the lack of common borders. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan's borders are close to each other, but Azerbaijan separates them the Caspian Sea. Common border with Turkey in fact does not have. *Second problem* – economical position.

All Turkic speaking countries have different weight of GDP. Economical situation of Kyrgyzstan after “April revolution” dependent on foreign assistance. *Third problem* – Russian sanction against of Turkey, but in these third part experts can see the advantage to Kazakhstan.

Regional Integration doesn't mean of having political union. More specifically, integration is not an elimination of borders and political union under a single flag. (Гаджиев, 2011)

Based on this literature we can say that Regional Integration should start very carefully and step by step. Missing one step will give negative results. Integration is aimed at establishing a visa-free regime between the Turkic countries. By this way Turkic speaking countries will increase their economical position. Regional integration will give good sides not only in economical position, also in educational, social and cultural way. We have to try make a success in this way because of the name – Turkic speaking countries.

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