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OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC-SPEAKING STATES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Mr. Chair,

Let me thank you and other members of the Bureau for your continuous efforts to advance the deliberations of this august body.

Recalling the discussions at the Committee on the agenda item 169 from previous three sessions of the General Assembly, the need for the proper and consistent application of the criteria for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly should be highlighted once again. My Delegation continues to strongly believe that the 6th Committee should carefully consider both criteria: the legal status of the organizations applying for the observer status and the nature of activities of these organizations as stipulated in the GA decision 49/426. The primary consideration in the granting of observer status should not be whether there is a proliferation of groups obtaining such status, but whether granting it would benefit the United Nations and promote the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Having said this, my Delegation has observed that the activities of the Cooperation Council continue to fall short of the criteria set forth in the relevant GA decision. Serious concerns regarding the Council's restricted membership, operations which go far beyond the scope of its membership, inconsistency between the nature of the Council and areas of its interest and activities firmly remain in place. For example, the declarations adopted annually by the Council and statements made by some of its members on behalf of the organization contain provisions which are in contradiction with the nature and purpose of the UN Charter. The provisions of these declarations fail to properly reflect the principles of international law enshrined

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