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The East Turkistan Parliament in Exile met online at 3:00 PM (WASHINGTON, DC time) and was called to order by the Deputy Speaker (Mr. YARMEMET BARAT).

As customary, the Parliamentary Secretary (Mr. TURSUN SHEMSEDDIN) took roll call and announced that 22 of the 32 Members of East Turkistan Parliament in Exile were present for the second session.

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

- 1) Mr. Iskender Abdullah (Germany)
- 2) Mr. Yarmemet Barat (United States)
- 3) Mr. Abdurahaman Hesén (Japan)
- 4) Mr. Qurbanjan Hisamidin (Norway)
- 5) Mr. Salih Hudayar (United States)
- 6) Mr. Erkin Israil (Germany)
- 7) Mr. Rehi Jamal (United States)
- 8) Mr. Nurahmet Kurban (Switzerland)
- 9) Mr. Memet Litip (Japan)
- 10) Mr. Haji Mahmut (Canada)
- 11) Mr. Alimjan Memet (Germany)
- 12) Mr. Mirqedir Mirzat (France)
- 13) Mr. Ekber Nasir (France)
- 14) Ms. Rabiye Nemet (Japan)
- 15) Mr. Abdulehed Nur (Canada)
- 16) Mr. Yasin Osman ((Nowary))
- 17) Mr. Tursun Shemseddin (Norway)
- 18) Mr. Hashimjan Turak (Canada)
- 19) Mr. Osmanjan Tursun (Germany)
- 20) Mr. Mawlan Ulugh (France)
- 21) Mr. Ghulam Osman Yaghma (Canada)
- 22) Mr. Anwar Yasin (Japan)

The 8th Parliament's second session opened with the playing of the East Turkistan national anthem (Qutulush Yolida) and was followed by a brief speech by the Deputy Parliamentary Speaker (Mr. YARMEMET BARAT) who then laid out the agenda for the current session.

AGENDA

- 1) Speeches by the President, Vice President and Prime Minister of the East Turkistan Government in Exile along with a speech by the Speaker of the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile
- 2) Proposal (Motions) put forth by various Members of Parliament
- 3) Open debate on the proposals (motions)
- 4) Voting on Resolutions
- 5) Closing speech by the President of the East Turkistan Government in Exile and the Speaker of the Parliament in Exile

SUMMARY OF SPEECHES

President Ghulam Osman Yaghma

President Ghulam Osman Yaghma delivered a six minute speech emphasizing the need for the East Turkistan Government in Exile and Members of the Parliament in Exile to provide updates to the Parliament in regards to developments involving their work. He also proposed that the Members of Parliament work with the East Turkistan Government in Exile's Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to establish a commission specifically dealing with overseeing and improving the East Turkistan Government in Exile's broadcasting and communication network.

Vice President Abdulehed Nur

Vice President Abdulehed Nur delivered a seven and half minute speech reminding Members of the Parliament to treat their work with utmost importance and uphold their duties towards the people of East Turkistan. He also asked Members of the Parliament to develop and maintain close contact with the East Turkistani diaspora community in their respective host nations. He emphasized the need for Members of the Parliament to especially be vigilant in terms of protecting the safety and health of the East Turkistan diaspora amidst the current coronavirus pandemic which China has spread across the world. Vice President Nur finished with praying for the unity, strength, and well being of the East Turkistani people across the world.

Prime Minister Salih Hudayar

Prime Minister Salih Hudayar delivered a 3 minute speech providing updates to the Parliament in terms of the work of the East Turkistan Government in Exile and its various Ministries since his recent election in November 2019. Prime Minister Hudayar emphasized the need for the East Turkistani diaspora to become more active in terms of advocacy and called on Members of Parliament to work their local East Turkistani diaspora to help improve and strengthen the East Turkistan Government in Exile.

Speaker of the Parliament Osmanjan Tursun

Speaker of the Parliament Osmanjan Tursun delivered a 4 minute speech calling on Parliament to review the Constitution and propose amendments in the upcoming

PROPOSALS (MOTIONS)

Mandatory Fees

Improving the financial situation of the East Turkistan Government in Exile has always been an issue of debate since the establishment of the East Turkistan Government in Exile in 2004. Over the years, the East Turkistan Government in Exile has been primarily funded by members of the Parliament in Exile along with donations collected from the global East Turkistani diaspora. A renewed motion (proposal) set forward by a Member of Parliament from Canada, the current Vice President of the East Turkistan Government in Exile (Mr. ABDULEHED NUR) proposed setting a mandatory fee to be paid monthly by every Member of Parliament to help fund the Government in Exile and its activities.

Scheduling of Parliamentary Sessions

Since its founding, the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile met twice a year with a new Parliament being elected every four years at the General Assembly. A new motion set forward by a Member of Parliament from the United States, the current Prime Minister of the East Turkistan Government in Exile (Mr. SALIH HUDAYAR), proposed having Parliamentary Sessions every month or every other month to help effectively deal with the various issues faced by East Turkistan's people in a timely manner.

Commission to Improve and Oversee Information & Broadcasting

The East Turkistan Government in Exile's Information and Broadcasting network is currently run by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with little oversight from the Parliament. A motion set forward by a Member of Parliament from Germany, the current Parliamentary Speaker (Mr. OSMANJAN TURSUN) and a member of Parliament from Canada, the current President of the East Turkistan Government in

Exile (Mr. GHULAM OSMAN YAGHMA) called for setting up a commission by the Parliament in Exile and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to improve and oversee the Government's Information and Broadcasting network.

DEBATE

Mandatory Fees

The motion put forward by the gentleman from Canada (Mr. ABDULEHED NUR) was supported by ALL the Members of Parliament who attended this session. Senior Parliamentarian (Mr. HAJI MAHMUT) from Canada argued for setting a universal mandatory equal rate based on the US Dollar system for all Members of the Parliament. A Member of Parliament from France (Mr. MIRQEDIR MIRZAT) argued for Members of Parliament to give 1% of their monthly income to fund the East Turkistan Government in Exile instead of a fixed fee. A Member of Parliament from Japan (Ms. RABIYE NEMET) argued for Members of Parliament to give 3-5% of their monthly income to fund the East Turkistan Government in Exile instead of a fixed fee. The Member of Parliament from Germany, the current Speaker of the Parliament (Mr. OSMANJAN TURSUN) called on the Government, more specifically the Ministry of Finance headed by the Member of Parliament from Japan (Dr. ANWAR YASIN) to draft a comprehensive budget for the Government which is to be submitted and debated in the next Parliamentary session.

Scheduling of Parliamentary Sessions

The motion put forward by the gentleman from the United States (Mr. SALIH HUDAYAR) was supported by ALL the Members of Parliament who attend this session. The Member of Parliament from Canada (Mr. ABDULEHED NUR), along with the Member of Parliament from Japan (Mr. ABDURAHMAN HESEN) and the Member of Parliament from Switzerland (Mr. NURAHMET KURBAN) argued for holding Parliamentary sessions once a month. The Members of Parliament from Germany (Mr. ALIMJAN MEMET and Mr. OSMANJAN TURSUN) argued for holding parliamentary sessions once every six months (one and half months). The Members of Parliament from the United States (Mr. REHI JAMAL) and Canada (Mr. HASHIMJAN TURAK) argued for parliamentary sessions once every two months.

Commission to Improve and Oversee Information & Broadcasting

The motion put forward by the gentleman from Germany (Mr. OSMANJAN TURSUN) and the gentleman from Canada (Mr. GHULAM OSMAN YAGHMA) was supported by several Members of the Parliament. Due to limited time, this proposal has been set back until the next parliamentary session.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed during **SECOND SESSION** of the **8TH PARLIAMENT** of the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile:

Resolution No. 1

A mandatory equal fee has been set using the US dollar as the universal currency. ALL members of the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile are to pay their fees every month starting from the opening of the 8th Parliament of the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile in November 2019. The total monthly fees can be paid on a month to month basis, or combined into payments once every six months or once a year in advance. The fees will be deposited into the East Turkistan Government in Exile's bank account administered by the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance shall be required to submit a financial report to Parliament at every Parliamentary session.

Resolution No 2

The East Turkistan Parliament in Exile will meet once every six weeks (one and half months or 45 days). ALL Members of the Parliament are required to attend, those members of Parliament who are not able to attend for whatever reason must notify the Parliamentary Secretary in advance. Members of Parliament who fail to attend parliamentary sessions with any justifiable excuses shall be warned and disciplined by the Speaker of the Parliament. All Ministries of the East Turkistan Government in Exile shall be required to provide updates to the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile in terms of their specific work.

CLOSING OF THE SECOND SESSION

The President of the East Turkistan Government in Exile (Mr. GHULAM OSMAN YAGHMA) made a statement reminding Members of Parliament to contribute in improving the Government in Exile. He expressed his full support and approval of the two resolutions which were passed and effectively put it into law.

The Speaker of the Parliament (Mr. OSMANJAN TURSUN) made a closing statement reaffirming the Parliament's passage of the two resolutions with the approval of the President (Mr. GHULAM OSMAN YAGHMA) and Vice President (Mr. ABDULEHED NUR) of the East Turkistan Government in Exile. He also reminded that Members of the Parliament that the proposal on the Commission Overseeing and Improving the Government's Information and Broadcasting Network would be revisited in the next session.

**The overall time spent on the second session of the 8th Parliament was 4 hours and 15 minutes. Due to certain sensitivities of the issues discussed in Parliament, details of all topics, issues, and decisions made by the Parliament have not been provided in depth in this report.*

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