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## Turkmenistan expresses willingness to cooperate with Afghanistan's peace process

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In the continuation of its humanitarian assistance, Turkmenistan has expressed willingness to assist Afghanistan in its peace process with Taliban.

Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow who arrived in Kabul on Thursday said that Turkmenistan and Afghanistan are two brotherly countries and Turkmenistan always wants a peaceful, stable and developed Afghanistan.

President Berdimuhamedow who appeared in a press conference with President Ghani in Presidential Palace said that he is confident the United Nations is playing a constructive role in Afghanistan.

He said that his country is ready to cooperate with Afghanistan's peace process under the vision of the United Nations and complete neutrality.

Mr. Berdimuhamedow said that his meeting with President Ghani was productive and that they are both committed to their commitments.

"Afghanistan and Turkmenistan will cooperate in fighting drugs and terrorism," he said, adding that "And will continue solving issues through diplomatic approaches."

Talking to the press conference President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani said that Turkmenistan has always been cooperative with Afghanistan in regards to peace and stability, adding that the country will always be a partner of Afghanistan.

He said that the government of Turkmenistan is a government of action.

"Since my visit to Turkmenistan, I see a lot of developments," President Ghani said in the joint press conference at the Presidential palace on Thursday.

He said that the border between Turkmenistan and Afghanistan is a border of peace and cooperation.

"We are confident that our cooperation will extend," President Ghani said.

President Ghani congratulated Mr. Berdimuhamedow for getting close to celebrate the 20th year of permanent neutrality.

In 1995, United Nation's resolution number 50/80 recognized and supported the declared status of permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan and hoped that this will contribute to peace and security in the region.

Since then Turkmenistan is observing 12 December as 'Neutrality Day of Turkmenistan'.

At the end of the press conference Turkmenistan's President invited President Ghani to his country to take part in the celebration of 'Neutrality Day of Turkmenistan'. The invitation was accepted by the President.