

## A meeting of the President of Turkmenistan with the President of the Swiss Confederation took place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly

During a working visit to the United States, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov met with the President of the Swiss Confederation, Karin Keller-Sutter.

After a warm greeting, the two leaders expressed satisfaction with the opportunity to meet during the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly and exchange views on developing cooperation between the two countries.

As noted, relations between Turkmenistan and the Swiss Confederation are consistently expanding based on mutual understanding, respect, and friendly dialogue.

In their international activities, Turkmenistan and Switzerland adhere to the principles of neutrality. The two leaders also exchanged views on developing partnerships in trade and investment. Finance, the pharmaceutical industry, and green energy were identified as promising areas of cooperation. Cultural and humanitarian interaction is an integral component of interstate relations, playing a vital role in bringing the two friendly peoples closer together.

As President Serdar Berdimuhamedov noted during the meeting, this year, declared by the UN General Assembly at Turkmenistan's initiative as the "International Year of Peace and Trust," also marks the 30th anniversary of country's permanent neutrality. To mark this occasion, an international forum will be held in Ashgabat on December 12. In this regard, the head of state invited Ms. Karin Keller-Sutter to participate in this large-scale event.

Expressing gratitude for the invitation, the Swiss President noted the importance of Turkmenistan's policy of neutrality and the specific initiatives it has put forward to expand international dialogue and develop humanitarian cooperation.

At the end of the meeting, President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov and President of the Swiss Confederation Karin Keller-Sutter exchanged best wishes for each other and the friendly peoples of both countries.