

During his working visit to the United States, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov met with United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

Before the meeting, the head of state signed the UN Book of Distinguished Guests.

Then, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov and UN Secretary-General António Guterres posed for a commemorative photo in front of the flags of Turkmenistan and the UN.

Furthermore, warmly congratulating António Guterres on the successful start of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly, the head of state expressed confidence that it would make a significant contribution to strengthening global peace and security, as well as achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov extended his heartfelt congratulations to António Guterres and all staff of the UN specialized agencies on the 80th anniversary of the founding of the organization. Taking the opportunity, the head of state also conveyed warm greetings to the UN Secretary-General from the National Leader of the Turkmen People, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

Having returned greetings and best wishes to Hero Arkadag, António Guterres noted that he views this meeting as a continuation of Turkmenistan-UN cooperation on important issues, emphasizing our country's contribution to positively addressing regional and global challenges.

António Guterres expressed gratitude to Turkmenistan for the high organizational level of the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov noted that Turkmenistan is committed to achieving the effective implementation of the Avaza Political Declaration and the Avaza Action Programme.

Noting that, at Turkmenistan's initiative, the UN declared 2025 the "International Year of Peace and Trust," the head of state invited António Guterres to participate in the International Forum, which will be held in Ashgabat on December 12 of this year.

Thanking him for the invitation, the UN Secretary-General emphasized the important role of neutral Turkmenistan in promoting the ideals of peace in Central Asia and throughout the world.

At the end of the meeting, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov and UN Secretary-General

## Meeting of the President of Turkmenistan with the UN Secretary- General

António Guterres exchanged best wishes.