

Foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan



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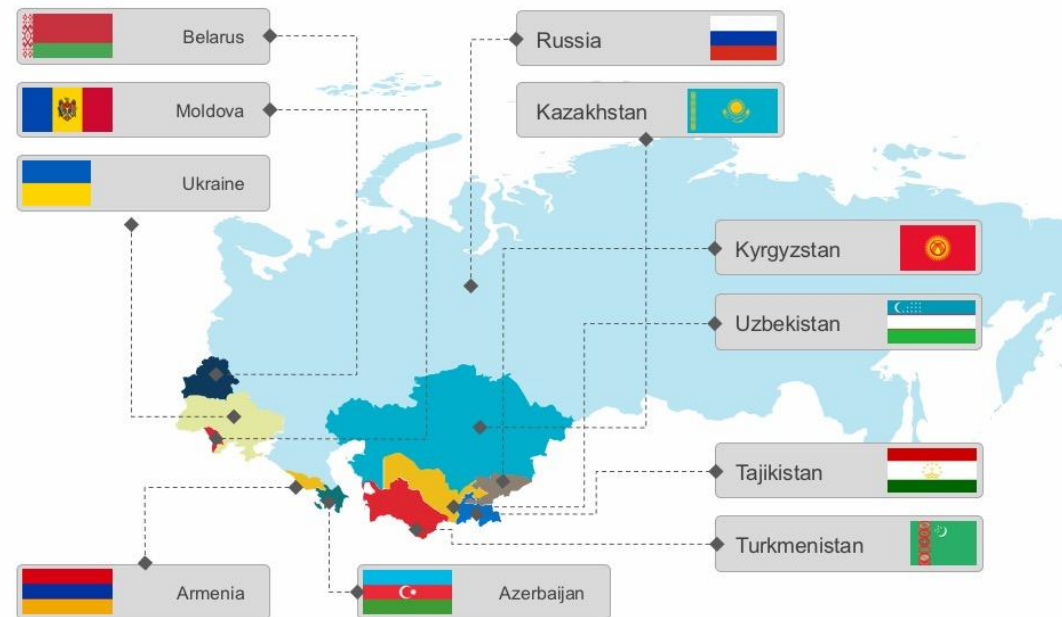
The foreign policy of the republic was formulated after gaining the Independence by Kazakhstan on the 16th of December, 1991. Nowadays, it is represented as the diversified and multi-vector country. (a triangulation between the major powers of Russia, China and the US)

- The main institutions exercising the activity of foreign policy of the state is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- The state has got over 70 diplomatic and consular offices all over the world. As the first and the only one President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev underline the main goal of the national diplomacy which is to produce and sustain the stable development of the republic both in political and economic aspects.



The republic has no access to the ocean and is situated in the heart of the Eurasian area. It became the zone of communication between the Euroatlantic and Eurasian countries. Thus, it can be indicated that there are several main directions in the foreign policy of Kazakhstan.

The first one is the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).



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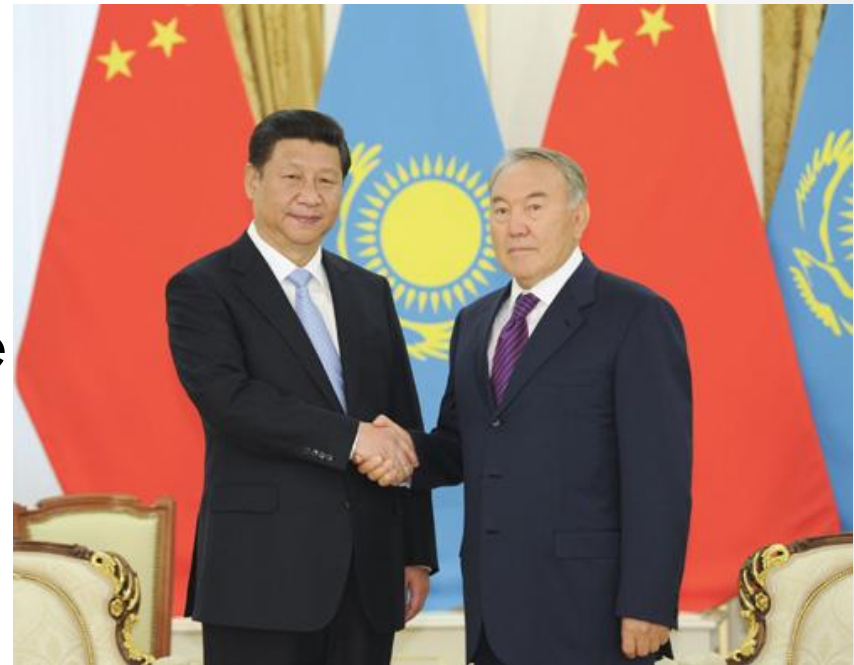
- On December 21, 1991 the leaders of Central Asia and some post-Soviet countries signed the Protocol about the creation of the CIS. The main objective of the CIS creation became the provision of integration of post-Soviet republics to jointly solve the political, economic and social issues on the mutually beneficial terms.



- Russia is the strategic partner in this aspect for the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning bilateral cooperation due to a number of reasons, among which is the geopolitical, Russia adjoins Kazakhstan in the north of the republic, also the closeness in the political prospects, culture, economic and social development.

The second direction concerns the Asian-Pacific Ocean region.

- The priority on the given direction is given to the Kazakhstan-Chinese relations as China is regarded as the influential partner mainly in the economic sphere. The major importance is given to the laying of the oil-pipe line from Western Kazakhstan to China.



The third is the Asian direction.

- In this area, specifically in the Arabic East and Middle Asia Turkey occurred to be the first country that recognized the independence of Kazakhstan. And as far back as September, 1991 Turkey and Kazakhstan accepted the Declaration about Principles and Obligations of Interrelations between Kazakhstan and the Republic of Turkey. The relations between states are based on economic and energetic issues.



The fourth is the European direction.

- The European Union being the powerful political and economic unit worldwide became the economic partner of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The key partners of the republic in Europe are the Great Britain and Germany. Besides, the relations with Norway significantly improved during the last time. The Kingdom of Norway became a strategic partner in the assistance to the Central Asian countries in the sphere of education by becoming a significant partner in the accordance of the internship possibilities for students.



The last direction is the American one.

- The USA being a global leader is of a high importance for Kazakhstan as a way out to the North-American region. The states and Kazakhstan signed the Charter on the democratic partnership between two states. The adherence of both countries to the principles of democracy, private property, free market, respect of human rights was taken into consideration.



In the end, it should be mentioned that the Republic of Kazakhstan became the most developed state in the Central Asian region lately in consequence of the improved foreign policy and growth in oil. The President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev managed to follow the balanced policy by keeping positive relations with such powerful countries as the United States of America, Russia, and China.



All of them are of a great advantage for Kazakhstan, while the relations with the USA and China are perspective and growing due to the Washington's War on Terror in which the republic is being an integral part and the increase in economic turnover with Beijing, with Russia Kazakhstan has got the mutual historical past, culture, and geographical location, moreover it disposes to Russia the oil on the less price.

