

## At UN Assembly, Turkmenistan stresses importance for greater global cooperation



Aksoltan T. Ataeva, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations, addresses the general debate of the General Assembly's seventy-second session. UN Photo/Cia Pak

25 September 2017 – Speaking at the 72nd annual debate at the United Nations General Assembly, Turkmenistan highlighted its efforts to implement the [2030 Agenda](#) and the Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)) and called for greater cooperation to address the challenges before the globe.

In her address, Aksoltan Ataeva, the Chair of the Delegation of Turkmenistan, noted the importance of transport connectivity and cooperation for the achievement of the global development goals and informed the Assembly of the global conference on sustainable transport held in the country last November.

Also in her remarks, Ms. Ataeva noted the establishment of a training centre in the country to strengthen capacity in relation to the implementation of the [SDGs](#). She also underscored the importance of energy security and in ensuring fair access to energy, including as part of the 2030 Agenda.

She also highlighted the importance of sports as a driver of peace, understanding and human rights, and in that context, recalled the participation of the Refugee Olympic Team at the Rio Olympics 2016.

Further in her address the head of the delegation of Turkmenistan noted the challenges posed by terrorism to all countries around the globe and, welcoming the role played by the UN in combatting the scourge, expressed her support for reforms at the Organization, including review of the method of its work and to react to threats in the modern world.