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**TURKMENISTAN, EU DISCUSS TRADE, TRANSPORT, AND DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION**

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*Turkmenistan and the European Union (EU) discussed the current state and prospects for developing bilateral cooperation in trade and economic sectors, particularly in the energy and transport, Trend reports via the Turkmen MFA.*

The issues were discussed on January 21, during a meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, Rashid Meredov, and the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, Eduards Stiprais, who arrived in Ashgabat to participate in events as part of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) Week.

The sides expressed interest in expanding the political-diplomatic dialogue and the legal framework of cooperation, as well as the development of cultural and humanitarian cooperation. In this context, the parties discussed organizing high-level meetings and visits during the current year.

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