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## KAZAKHSTAN TOOK PART IN MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRICS+ FORMAT

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First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kairat Umarov took part in the Meeting of Foreign Ministers in the BRICS+ format, held in Cape Town, South Africa. It was attended by the BRICS member states (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and specially invited countries [] «Friends of the BRICS» (Kazakhstan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Burundi, Gabon, DRC, Egypt, Iran, Indonesia, Comoros, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uruguay). Kazakhstan was invited to this Forum as the current chair of the CICA and the future chair of the SCO, Kazinform has learnt from the press service of the Kazakh MFA.

The Ministerial Forum was held under the motto «Transition from solidarity to collective action to ensure mutually accelerated growth, sustainable development and inclusive multilateralism».

In his speech, Umarov noted the importance of collective efforts to solve urgent problems of our time. He recalled the international initiatives of President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev designed to contribute to this, aimed at strengthening international security and stability, in particular, the creation of a Regional UN SDG Hub for the countries of Central Asia and Afghanistan and the International Agency for Biological Safety.

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