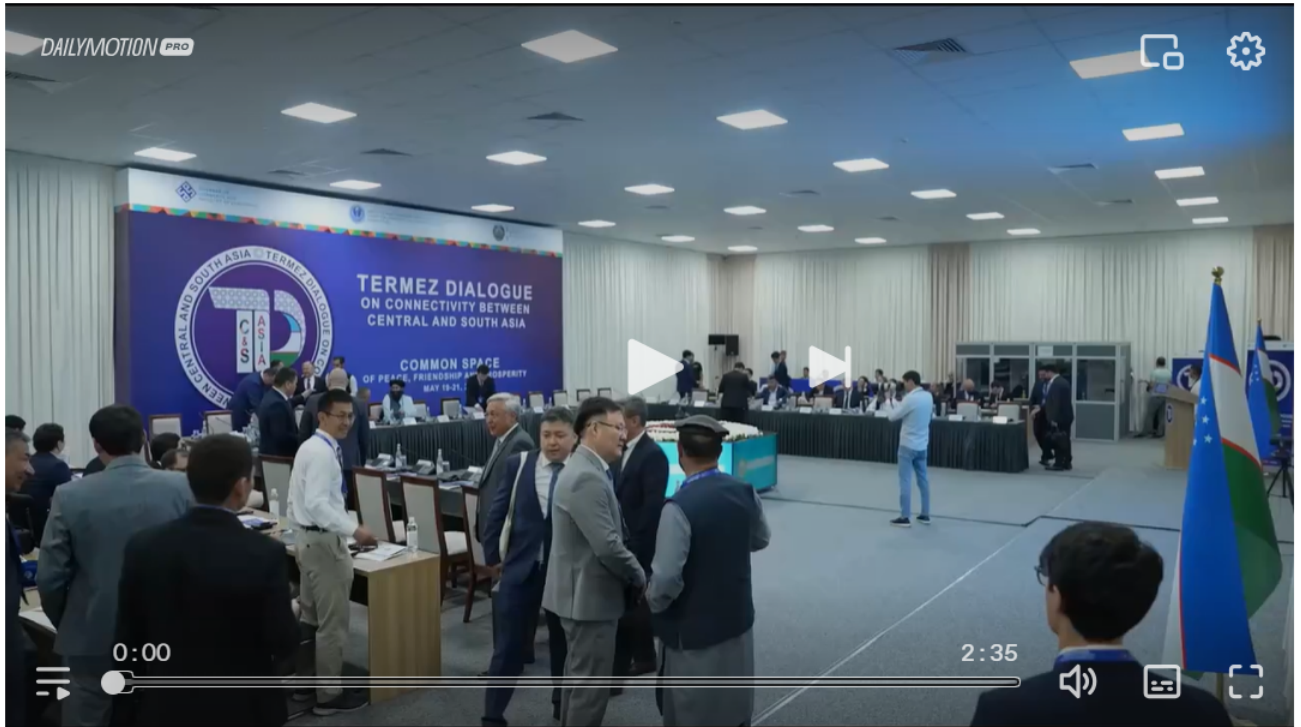


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The Termez Dialogue in Uzbekistan aims to create a permanent platform for Central and South Asian cooperation, emphasising connectivity and economic integration.

Representatives of Central Asian countries have come together to maximise the region's economic opportunities and make an effort to support Afghanistan, which is now signalling a business-oriented international outreach after years of isolation.

The Termez Dialogue on Connectivity Between Central and South Asia, which included leaders from Central Asian countries along with India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, was held in the southern Uzbek city of Termez.

The meeting was initiated by Uzbekistan, a strong supporter of the economic integration of its neighbour Afghanistan, which is now in the fifth year of the Taliban government.

The Central Asian countries have for years been pushing for what they call "acceptance of reality" in the region and engagement with Afghanistan.

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