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Letter dated 17 December 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the outcome document of the international conference entitled “Peace and Trust Policy: Basis of International Security, Stability and Development (Peace and Trust Forum)”, which was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 11 December 2021 (see annex).

I would be very grateful if you could kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 16.

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Outcome document of the international conference entitled “Peace and Trust Policy: Basis of International Security, Stability and Development (Peace and Trust Forum)”

The participants in the international conference entitled “Peace and Trust Policy: Basis of International Security, Stability and Development (Peace and Trust Forum)”, held in Ashgabat on 11 December 2021,

Reaffirming their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting the need to implement the global strategies and programmes of the United Nations, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

In the interests of implementing United Nations General Assembly resolution [73/338](#) of 12 September 2019 proclaiming 2021 as the International Year of Peace and Trust;

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 1999, which serve as the universal mandate for the international community, particularly the United Nations system, for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence that benefits humanity, in particular future generations;

Expressing particular appreciation to Turkmenistan for its initiative in conducting and organizing an international campaign in the framework of the International Year of Peace and Trust, in particular the high-level event to launch the International Year of Peace and Trust held in Ashgabat in 2021, the inter-parliamentary forum on the role of parliamentarians in strengthening international peace and trust, the forum on the role of women in building peace, trust and security, the international youth forum for peace and trust, and other international and regional events;

Welcoming the results of the High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace convened by the President of the United Nations General Assembly on 7 September 2021, at which Member and observer States of the General Assembly and other stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace;

Emphasizing in particular that the policy of neutrality declared and pursued by the States Members of the United Nations plays an important role in the development of peaceful, trust-based, friendly and mutually beneficial relations among the countries of the world and contributes to the strengthening of international peace and security at the regional and global levels;

Underlining in that connection the significance of United Nations General Assembly resolutions [50/80](#) A of 12 December 1995 and [69/285](#) of 3 June 2015 entitled “Permanent Neutrality of Turkmenistan”, resolution [71/275](#) of 2 February 2017 declaring the International Day of Neutrality, and resolution [75/28](#) of 7 December 2020 entitled “The role and importance of a policy of neutrality in maintaining and strengthening international peace, security and sustainable development”;

Emphasizing also the significance of resolution 65/47 of 28 November 2020 of the forty-seventh session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the role of a policy of neutrality in maintaining and strengthening international peace, security and sustainable development in the OIC area and globally;

Recalling the outcome documents of the high-level international conferences on the theme “Policy of neutrality: international cooperation for peace, security and development” (the Ashgabat outcome documents), adopted on 12 December 2015 and 12 December 2020;

1. Supported the proposal of the President of Turkmenistan to promote a global initiative entitled “Dialogue – a guarantee of peace” in order to combine the efforts of the international community in consolidating the traditions of peaceful and trust-based coexistence among the peoples of the world, restoring the values, attitudes and traditions of maintaining and promoting peace and the comprehensive establishment of a culture of peace and trust in international relations;

2. Appealed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the United Nations Member States to continue the practice of conducting global campaigns to promote a culture of peace, based on the results of the International Year of Peace and Trust in 2021 and the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures in 2013–2022, suggesting in that connection that the United Nations General Assembly proclaim 2023 to 2032 as an International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Trust;

3. Supported the United Nations Secretary-General’s initiative for a New Agenda for Peace that includes reducing global strategic risks, investing in conflict prevention and peacemaking, and supporting regional preventive measures;

4. Recognized that all efforts made by the international community to promote the prevention of conflicts, the peaceful settlement of disputes, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, mediation, disarmament, sustainable development, the promotion of human dignity and human rights, social inclusion, democracy and the rule of law at national, regional and international levels contribute greatly to a culture of peace;

5. Emphasized in this regard the effective work of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, which was established in Ashgabat in December 2007, and in particular that of its Preventive Diplomacy Academy;

6. Called upon United Nations Member States, United Nations agencies and regional and subregional organizations to consider creating mechanisms to ensure youth participation in the promotion of a culture of peace, tolerance and intercultural and interreligious dialogue and, as appropriate, to develop an understanding of human dignity, pluralism and diversity through education programmes and projects;

7. Encouraged the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to increase its activities, a central component of which is education focused on peace and global citizenship, in order to enhance an understanding among young people of values such as peace, trust, tolerance, openness, inclusion and mutual respect;

8. Emphasized that the development of a culture of peace and trust between States is inextricably linked to the policy of neutrality as a value that contributes to sustainable development, peace and security by strengthening solidarity and harmony;

9. Encouraged all States Members of the United Nations, United Nations agencies and other international, regional and subregional organizations to utilize the

full potential of neutral States in the peaceful settlement of disputes, and conflict prevention and resolution;

10. Supported action within the United Nations of the Group of Friends of Neutrality for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development, established at the initiative of the Government of Turkmenistan with the purpose of ensuring a broad multilateral dialogue on the practical application of the principles of neutrality in promoting a culture of peace and trust and in preventing conflicts and addressing their causes and consequences, and called on all States Members of the United Nations and relevant international bodies to participate in cooperation efforts within the Group;

11. Called upon all States Members of the United Nations, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals, including youth, to observe the International Day of Neutrality on 12 December each year, and to hold events aimed at raising public awareness of the role and importance of the policy of neutrality in maintaining and strengthening international peace, security and sustainable development;

12. Expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation to the people and Government of Turkmenistan for organizing and conducting the International Conference entitled “Peace and Trust Policy: Basis of International Security, Stability and Development”.
