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### Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 1 September 2023

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/77/L.107](#))]

### 77/338. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that one of the objectives of the United Nations is to achieve cooperation in maintaining international peace and security and solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character,

*Recalling also* the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities on the basis of regional cooperation to promote the goals and objectives of the United Nations,

*Recalling further* its resolution [59/48](#) of 2 December 2004, by which it granted observer status to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

*Recalling* its resolutions [64/183](#) of 18 December 2009, [65/124](#) of 13 December 2010, [67/15](#) of 19 November 2012, [69/11](#) of 11 November 2014, [71/14](#) of 21 November 2016, [73/334](#) of 30 August 2019 and [75/268](#) of 25 March 2021 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

*Recalling also* the Joint Declaration on Cooperation between the secretariats of the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, dated 5 April 2010,

*Noting* that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is committed to act consistently with the goals and principles of the United Nations,

*Noting also* that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has become an essential regional organization for addressing security in the region, in all its dimensions, including in cooperation with relevant regional organizations,



*Taking into account* the commitment of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to pursue the implementation of the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* the commitment of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to achieve a pacific settlement of regional disputes under Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recognizing* the efforts of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to build the region of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization into a region of lasting peace, friendship, prosperity and harmony, in accordance with the Treaty on Long-term Good-neighbourliness, Friendship and Cooperation among the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* that in its resolution 71/14, it noted the aspiration of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote stability and the maintenance of international peace and security, and noting in this regard the eighteenth meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, held in Qingdao, China, on 9 and 10 June 2018, as well as the nineteenth meeting, held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 13 and 14 June 2019, the twentieth meeting, held under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation on 10 November 2020 in video format, the twenty-first meeting, held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 16 and 17 September 2021, the twenty-second meeting, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on 15 and 16 September 2022, and the twenty-third meeting, held under the chairmanship of India on 4 July 2023 in video format,

*Welcoming* the commitment of the States party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>3</sup> that are States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to comply fully with the Treaty, including in Central Asia,

*Recognizing* the efforts of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote counter-terrorism cooperation, including through the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, and welcoming in this regard the protocol on cooperation between the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, signed on 22 July 2012, noting the cooperation between the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Office of Counter-Terrorism, including the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,<sup>4</sup> and the cooperation between the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, and noting the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between these two entities signed on 25 March 2019,

*Recognizing also* the role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in combating drugs, based on the outcome of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, held in New York from 19 to 21 April 2016,<sup>5</sup> and encouraging the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to continue such cooperation in this field,

*Recalling* the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in June 2011 with a view to effectively addressing, in cooperation with relevant international and regional actors, the production of and trade and

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 70/1.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2896, No. 50518.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 60/288.

<sup>5</sup> Resolution S-30/1, annex.

trafficking in drugs, and welcoming the further cooperation of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Office,

*Noting* the improved quality of the dynamics of cooperation among the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, as well as the further enhancement of the potential and role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the international arena as a multilateral mechanism, and in this regard welcoming the convening of the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Qingdao on 9 and 10 June 2018 as the first summit after the enlargement of the Organization, as well as the nineteenth meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, held in Bishkek on 13 and 14 June 2019, the twentieth meeting, held under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation on 10 November 2020 in video format, the twenty-first meeting, held in Dushanbe on 16 and 17 September 2021, the twenty-second meeting, held in Samarkand on 15 and 16 September 2022, and the twenty-third meeting, held under the chairmanship of India on 4 July 2023 in video format,

*Taking note* of the initiatives of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, as well as the efforts of others, to address security of and in the use of information and communications technologies, and recognizing the need for further discussions in relevant forums,

*Noting* the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in September 2022 aimed at enhancing cooperation in trade, transport, energy, and information and communications technology connectivity,

*Welcoming* the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in September 2022 with the goal of strengthening peace, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue by means of developing cooperation in education, science, culture, communication and information,

*Noting* the granting to the Islamic Republic of Iran of the status of a State member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the signing of the Memorandum of Commitment by Belarus to obtain the status of a State member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization following the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization held under the chairmanship of India on 4 July 2023,

*Recognizing* the efforts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote cooperation with other regional organizations, including the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia, the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Eurasian Economic Union<sup>6</sup> and the League of Arab States,<sup>7</sup> as well as with the International Committee of the Red Cross,

*Taking into consideration* the fact that countries with economies in transition are among the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and in this regard recalling its resolution [61/210](#) of 20 December 2006, in which it proposed that the

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<sup>6</sup> The Memorandum of Understanding between the secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Eurasian Economic Commission was signed in Dushanbe on 17 September 2021.

<sup>7</sup> The Memorandum of Understanding between the secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the League of Arab States was signed in Samarkand on 16 September 2022.

United Nations system enhance dialogue with regional and subregional cooperation organizations whose membership includes countries with economies in transition and increase support provided to them,

*Convinced* that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization helps to promote the goals and objectives of the United Nations,

1. *Acknowledges* the constructive role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in securing peace and sustainable development, advancing regional cooperation and strengthening good-neighbourliness and mutual trust, and notes the activities of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening peace, security and stability in the region, countering terrorism, drug trafficking and other types of criminal activity of a transnational character and promoting regional cooperation in various areas such as trade and economic development, energy, transportation, agriculture and agro-industry, the regulation of migration, banking and finances, information and telecommunications, science and new technology, start-ups and innovation, the digital economy, customs, education, public health, traditional medicine, environmental protection and reducing the danger of natural disasters, as well as in other related areas;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of strengthening dialogue, cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and proposes that the Secretary-General, for this purpose, continue to hold regular consultations with the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization through the existing inter-agency forums and formats, including the high-level interactive dialogue of the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the heads of the regional organizations and other organizations;

3. *Proposes* that the specialized agencies, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system cooperate with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization with a view to jointly implementing programmes to achieve their goals, and in this regard recommends that the heads of such entities continue consultations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization”.

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