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### Seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

**Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, China, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Russian Federation, Serbia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zambia: revised draft resolution**

### Seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution [59/26](#) of 22 November 2004, in which it, inter alia, declared 8–9 May as a time of remembrance and reconciliation, while recognizing that Member States may have individual dates of victory, liberation and commemoration,

*Recalling* that 2020 will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a war which brought untold sorrow to mankind, particularly in Asia and Europe,

*Stressing* that this historic event established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

*Noting* that the United Nations has helped to shape the very structure of relations between nations in the modern age, including through the process of decolonization, and recalling in this regard the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of 14 December 1960,<sup>1</sup>

*Emphasizing* that the Victory in the Second World War is the common legacy of all Member States of the United Nations, and noting in this regard the importance of preservation and inadmissibility of desecration or destruction of monuments erected in remembrance of those who fought in that war on the side of the United Nations,

*Calling upon* the States Members of the United Nations to unite their efforts in dealing with challenges and threats to international peace and security, with the

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [1514 \(XV\)](#).



United Nations playing a central role, and to make every effort to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and to settle all disputes by peaceful means in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations,

*Underlining* the progress made since the end of the Second World War in overcoming its legacy and towards reconciliation, international and regional cooperation and the promotion of democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular through the United Nations, and the establishment of regional organizations and other appropriate frameworks,

1. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals to observe these days in an appropriate manner to pay tribute to all victims of the Second World War;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold a special solemn meeting of the Assembly in the first week of September 2020 in commemoration of all victims of the war;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system and to take measures necessary for its implementation.

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