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## **Letter dated 6 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

On behalf of the Russian Presidency of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), I have the honour to transmit the text of a statement by the CSTO Permanent Council to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the holding of the anniversary session of the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 103.

*(Signed)* V. Nebenzia



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**Statement of the Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the holding of the anniversary session of the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty**

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In connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force on 5 March 1970 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) reaffirm the continued value of the Treaty as an important factor in maintaining international security and stability, and advocate its preservation and strict observance. The Treaty is the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime, a solid foundation for moving towards nuclear and general and complete disarmament, and an effective tool to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The CSTO member States note their full commitment to the Treaty, which is a unique instrument based on an agreement between nuclear and non-nuclear countries. The unconditional and effective fulfilment by all parties to the Treaty of their obligations, embodied in the balanced unity of the three fundamental pillars of disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy, contributes to the realization of common goals and objectives based on the humane aspirations for peace.

The CSTO member States emphasize that the 50 years of the Treaty's existence have convincingly demonstrated its effectiveness and relevance to the interests of both nuclear and non-nuclear States.

The CSTO member States call upon all parties to the Treaty to maintain a constructive dialogue and to make all necessary efforts for the further successful implementation of specific tasks for the forthcoming period in the context of the Treaty. We express the hope that next year's anniversary Treaty Review Conference will not only reaffirm the decisions of previous conferences, but also set specific tasks for the coming period. In this regard, we support the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the full implementation of article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty by all its parties.

We stress the significant contribution made by countries that voluntarily renounced the possession of nuclear weapons to reducing the nuclear threat, strengthening the Treaty regime and maintaining international security and strategic stability.

As part of the practical implementation of the Treaty, we support the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones and compliance with the ban on nuclear testing, as well as the intensification of efforts under the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia. We consider it important to join forces in order to maintain the Joint Comprehensive Action Plan on the Iranian nuclear programme, which is a significant achievement of multilateral diplomacy.

The CSTO member States support the International Day against Nuclear Tests initiated by Kazakhstan (29 August).

The CSTO member States reaffirm their commitment to strengthening global stability based on strict compliance with international law, including treaties on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The CSTO member States express their confidence that the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which has been in force for half a century, will continue to contribute to the integrated efforts of States and international and regional organizations to strengthen lasting peace and reliable security for all, with the United Nations playing a central coordinating role.

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