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#### **Letter dated 27 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to submit the enclosed national statement, issued by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the United Arab Emirates, on the occasion of the high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the enclosed national statement as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 128 (a).

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**Annex to the letter dated 27 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Statement of the United Arab Emirates at the high-level meeting to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, delivered by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President of the State, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence**

New York, 26 October 2020

It is my honour to celebrate, with the peoples of the world, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations through this written statement.

Throughout history, States have sought power and prosperity through conflict. That approach has changed, and it has become clear to the States and peoples of the world that true power and prosperity stem from cooperation. Wisdom teaches us that we must empower one another, rather than become powerful at each other's expense. That wisdom has been a foundational principle for my country since its establishment nearly 50 years ago. We have chosen to cooperate, reject conflict and open doors, minds and hearts for all people to pursue their dreams in our land.

In the United Arab Emirates, we believe in cooperation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence. We believe that there is no future without cooperation, because no nation can isolate itself from other nations. The world has clearly learned this lesson in 2020 with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, that presented one of the greatest health threats in modern history. The pandemic has revealed that we share the same destiny and that our cooperation with one another is essential.

This year has certainly been difficult for everyone. Human activity has slowed, the global economy has declined and many people have lost their jobs. In the United Arab Emirates, we have tried to take a different approach, one that is based on turning challenges posed by the pandemic into opportunities in several areas, including innovation, sustainability and human development.

During the crisis, we have pursued opportunities in modern science. To that end, we launched the first mission in the history of Arab and Islamic countries to explore the planet Mars, which we named the Hope Probe. We have also demonstrated our great interest in the application of modern technologies by operating the region's first peaceful nuclear power plant, the largest project of its kind in the world. We have reached a new peace accord that will bring more hope and opportunities for young people in the region. During the crisis, preparations for Expo 2020 Dubai continued, in full determination to make this event better and more beautiful and innovative. We promise you that Dubai and the United Arab Emirates will inspire the world.

The United Arab Emirates continues to be committed, regardless of the shifting circumstances, to empowering women, combating climate change and empowering young people to achieve sustainable development. The model we have adopted in the United Arab Emirates is founded, above all, on our absolute belief in the values of tolerance, coexistence and openness. The fact that we have more than 200 nationalities in our country has been one of the defining characteristics of our development process; people from all over the world have become an essential component and an impetus to our preparations for the future.

In the United Arab Emirates, we welcome all those who believe in the values of cooperation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence as a way of life. Building a promising future for humanity depends on the decisions that we take. Therefore, we must truly be united as nations and peoples for the sake of the present and future generations.

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