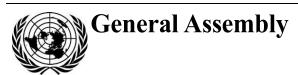
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Letter dated 22 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey a joint statement by the Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 128 (a) and (b) and 130 (w).

> (Signed) Bakhtiyor Ibragimov Permanent Representative





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Joint statement of the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations

The Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Noting that the United Nations forms the critical backbone of contemporary international relations,

Emphasizing the particular relevance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which led to the building of the new world order, the establishment of the United Nations and the laying of the foundations for the current system of international law,

Welcome the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, which serves as a universal tool in the collective search for solutions to current challenges and threats,

Commit to strengthening the central coordinating role of the United Nations in ensuring peace and security in the world,

Express unconditional support for the objectives of multilateral cooperation relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, the promotion of sustainable development and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Reaffirm their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations with a view to ensuring stability in international relations,

Note the need to collectively harness opportunities to ensure the effective protection of the Charter of the United Nations as the basis of contemporary international law and their determination to work together consistently to prevent the erosion of the universally recognized norms and principles of international law,

Call for increased mutual trust at the regional and global levels, the development by the international community of a comprehensive, equitable and mutually beneficial system of cooperation and the achievement of sustainable security for all, taking into account the legitimate interests of all States,

Underscore the need for further efforts by the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States to attain objectives consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Express their readiness to continue consultations with a view to coordinating approaches of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States in the United Nations General Assembly with respect to their priority issues,

Advocate the development of cooperation between the Commonwealth of Independent States and the United Nations on common issues of current international concern.

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