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Letter dated 29 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Referring to General Assembly resolution [59/48](#) of 2 December 2004, which granted the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) observer status in the General Assembly, and General Assembly resolutions on the cooperation between the United Nations and SCO, I have the honour to inform you of the following.

The Republic of Tajikistan, as the Chair of the SCO in 2021, is pleased to share the statement by the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on the seventy-fifth anniversary of victory in World War II, delivered on 10 November 2020 in Moscow (see annex).

This document, noting the historical significance of the victory in World War II, calls on the global community not to forget the past and to sacredly honour the memory of the joint struggle against Nazism, fascism and militarism during World War II, as well as to support and strengthen the United Nations, as a universal organization playing a central and coordinating role in maintaining international peace and security, stimulating global development and protecting human rights.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 130 (s) and 137.

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Statement by the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on the seventy-fifth anniversary of victory in the Second World War

On the seventy-fifth anniversary of victory in the Second World War, we, the leaders of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, express our deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for the feat accomplished by the peoples and countries that saved the world from subjugation and destruction brought on by Nazism, fascism and militarism while suffering an enormous and irreparable human toll and material losses.

The war, which drew in most of humanity, was a tragedy of the highest order and brought on endless calamities and suffering. The war was the result of the aggressive ambitions of those who believed in their own exceptionalism. It also demonstrated the danger of pandering to hatred, intolerance and discrimination on racial, ethnic and religious grounds.

Victory was only possible because the peoples of all peace-loving countries rallied against Nazism, fascism and militarism and their supporters and collaborators, who left a trail of blood, cruelty and destruction in their wake. We bow our heads before those who died and those who were wounded but survived, while fighting heroically on the front lines or as members of partisan groups or while labouring steadfastly on the home front. We express our reverent respect to surviving servicemen and home front workers for their heroism on the battlefield and behind the front lines during the war years.

We urge the international community not to forget the past, to hallow as holy the memory of the joint struggle against Nazism, fascism and militarism during the Second World War, and to work against all attempts to distort the moral and legal assessments of its outcome and consign the lessons of this universal tragedy to oblivion.

It is our shared duty to honour those who fought and died during the Second World War by treating all war graves, memorials, monuments, obelisks and other historical relics with reverence and care. We consider unacceptable any display of disrespect towards such structures and any desecration of the graves of those who gave their lives to liberate the world.

We resolutely condemn all attempts to rehabilitate and glorify Nazism, fascism and militarism, to engage in revisionism in respect of the Second World War and the judgments – which still stand – of the Nuremberg and Tokyo tribunals. Everything possible must be done to prevent the resurgence of old and the emergence of new radical, inhumane and extremist ideologies that could again lead the world to catastrophe. In that context, we welcome the adoption each year of the General Assembly resolution on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

The grave consequences of the war for humanity, and the enormous price of victory over Nazism, fascism and militarism, make clear that measures to strengthen friendship, amicable and constructive relations and cooperation among peoples and

States are the main drivers of peace, stability and security in the world, which are essential for ensuring a peaceful and calm existence for our citizens, and that the international community can withstand the forces of evil and destruction only by working together.

The victory in the Second World War made it possible to establish a stable system of international relations, that is embodied by the United Nations and ensures the peaceful development of humankind. As we mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, we call on the global community to jointly support and reinforce the Organization as a universal multilateral body that plays, in accordance with its Charter, a central coordinating role in maintaining international peace and security, promoting global development and protecting human rights.

Moscow, 10 November 2020
