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Agenda item 64

Peacebuilding and sustaining peace**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 16 April 2021***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/75/L.72 and A/75/L.72/Add.1)]***75/272. Role of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive
Diplomacy for Central Asia***The General Assembly,**Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,**Recalling its resolution 72/7 of 17 November 2017,**Recalling also the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council on the establishment of a United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia in Ashgabat,¹**Noting that preventive diplomacy is a core function of the United Nations and occupies the central place among the functions of the Secretary-General, and in this regard recognizing the important role of the special political missions of the United Nations and the good offices of the Secretary-General in the fields of peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding,**Reaffirming the importance of preventive diplomacy in supporting United Nations efforts to assist in the peaceful settlement of disputes, and acknowledging in this context the role of the Regional Centre in assisting the Central Asian States, in accordance with its mandate and through enhanced regional cooperation, to respond to transnational threats to peace and in supporting sustainable development in the region,**Recognizing the important role of the Central Asian countries in ensuring peace, stability and sustainable development in the region as well as in promoting regional and international cooperation,**Understanding the importance of the creation and preservation of the most stable and secure Central Asian space, supporting the aspiration of the countries of*

¹ S/2007/279 and S/2007/280.



the region to establish a model of a Central Asian regional zone of peace, security, cooperation and development, taking into account the experience gained in regional cooperation, as well as the assistance of the international community, represented by the United Nations,

Noting the focus of the Regional Centre on supporting cooperation among the Central Asian States in the areas of counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism conducive to terrorism, with a view to the integrated and balanced implementation of all pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy² in the region,

Recalling the Ashgabat Declaration of the high-level United Nations-Central Asia dialogue on implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia, adopted on 13 June 2017,³ and the Joint Plan of Action for the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia, adopted on 30 November 2011,

Welcoming the efforts of the Regional Centre aimed at strengthening cooperation between the Central Asian States and Afghanistan,

Welcoming also the readiness of the Central Asian countries to make efforts to reach mutually beneficial agreements on the integrated use of water and energy resources in the region,

Welcoming further the close interaction of the Regional Centre with United Nations country teams, as well as the Peacebuilding Fund, in the areas of conflict prevention and peacebuilding, and noting the necessity of its further strengthening,

Recognizing the efforts of the Regional Centre in providing a political framework and leadership for the preventive activities of the United Nations country teams in the region, and supporting the efforts of the Resident Coordinators and those of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in promoting an integrated approach to preventive development and humanitarian assistance,

Underlining the necessity of countering illicit drug production and trafficking in the region, and in this regard commending the efforts being made by the Regional Centre, jointly with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime through its Regional Office for Central Asia, in Tashkent, and the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for combating the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, in Almaty, Kazakhstan,

Noting the initiatives of the Regional Centre aimed at empowering women and youth, such as the Preventive Diplomacy Academy to train young people in preventive diplomacy, and the Central Asian Women Leaders' Caucus, dedicated to promoting and fostering the role of all women in advancing sustainable development and supporting peace and security in the region and to promoting the participation of women at all levels of politics, society and the economy,

Welcoming efforts of the Central Asian countries in coordinating joint preventive measures in the face of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its consequences and the contribution of the Regional Centre in this regard,

1. *Encourages* the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia to continue to liaise with the Governments of the region and, with their concurrence, with other parties concerned on issues relevant to preventive diplomacy;

² Resolution 60/288.

³ A/71/982-S/2017/600, annex.

2. *Welcomes* the assistance of the Regional Centre in implementing the initiatives of the Central Asian countries towards a stable, peaceful and prosperous region;

3. *Notes* the need to continue the cooperation of the Regional Centre with the Central Asian countries within its mandate to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region;

4. *Encourages* the Regional Centre to continue close cooperation with the Governments of the region to strengthen the capacity of the region to overcome challenges to peace, stability and sustainable development through preventive diplomacy and dialogue.

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