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Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations in developing friendly relations among nations,

Guided by the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage measures for regional cooperation to advance the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Charter and its purposes and principles, and especially the commitment to settle disputes through peaceful means and the determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Acknowledging that the approach of multilateralism and diplomacy could reinforce the advancement of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights, which are interconnected and mutually reinforcing, while observing respective mandates and the Charter,

Recalling its resolution [73/338](#) of 12 September 2019, by which it declared 2021 the International Year of Peace and Trust,

Considering that the promotion of peace is the main objective of the United Nations, noting in this regard the proclamation every five years of the United Nations International Year of Peace and Trust in order to focus the efforts of the United Nations and its Member States, with a view to promoting the ideals of peace and trust and demonstrating by all possible means their commitment to peace and trust,

Stressing that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution, in which it recommends proclaiming every five years the United Nations International Year of Peace and Trust, should be met from voluntary contributions,



Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,¹ which serve as a universal mandate for the international community, particularly for the United Nations system, for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence that benefits humanity, in particular future generations,

Recognizing also the important role of the Central Asian countries² in ensuring peace, stability and sustainable development in the region, as well as in promoting regional and international cooperation,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the States of the Central Asian region to preserve their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and to develop their relations in peace and liberty,

Convinced of the importance of promoting peace, trust and cooperation in Central Asia, including, in particular, for the benefit of the peoples of the region,

Reaffirming that the questions of maintenance of international peace and security and those of development are interrelated and inseparable, and considering that cooperation among States, in particular those of the region, for peace and development is essential for the promotion of the objectives of the zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia,

Welcoming the efforts of the Governments of the Central Asian countries to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development³ and the Sustainable Development Goals contained therein at the national level,

Noting with satisfaction the regional support for the initiative to convene regular consultative meetings of the Heads of State of Central Asian countries,

Welcoming the Central Asian Women Leaders' Caucus committed to strengthening the role of all women in promoting sustainable development and maintaining peace and security in the region, established with the participation of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and the United Nations Development Programme, and convinced that women's active involvement in policymaking and support for their participation in the socioeconomic life of States will contribute to the speedier and more successful resolution of the problems that they face,

Recognizing the importance of preventive diplomacy, and noting in this context the role of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia,⁴

Noting the importance of declaring a zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia as a basis for promoting cooperation among the States of the region,

Recalling the great potential of Central Asia for socioeconomic development and the strengthening of cooperation among the States of the region in such areas as science and technology, education, capacity-building, the environment, the strengthening of national institutions, trade, sports, tourism, economy, communications, transport, culture and political dialogue,

Noting with satisfaction the commitment of the Central Asian States to the achievement of peace, trust and cooperation in the region,

¹ Resolutions [53/243 A and B](#).

² Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

³ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁴ See resolution [75/272](#).

Convinced that the establishment of a zone of peace, trust and cooperation in Central Asia would contribute significantly to the strengthening of international peace and security and to promoting the purposes and principles of the Charter,

1. *Declares* the region of Central Asia a zone of peace, trust and cooperation;
2. *Notes with satisfaction* the significant practical contribution of the Central Asian States in strengthening regional peace, trust and cooperation in achieving sustainable development, as well as their efforts in this regard;
3. *Reaffirms* that threats to stability and sustainable development in the region require closer and more coordinated cooperation between the States of Central Asia, as well as between them and international and regional organizations, and also reaffirms the importance of regional cooperation involving regional and international organizations in addressing these threats;
4. *Calls upon* the countries of the Central Asian region to make effective use of the platform of regular consultative meetings of Heads of State and other forums to promote cooperation within the region and beyond in ensuring peace, trust and cooperation;
5. *Calls upon* all States of the Central Asian region to promote further regional cooperation, inter alia, for economic and social development, the protection of the environment and the conservation of living resources;
6. *Encourages* all States of the region and all other regions to cooperate in efforts towards sustaining peace in the Central Asian zone, and to respect the national unity, sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of all States of the region, strictly observing the Charter of the United Nations;
7. *Encourages* the convening of meetings of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Central Asian States on a regular basis, as well as their annual meetings on the sidelines of the General Assembly by prior agreement;
8. *Supports* the further strengthening of good-neighbourly and friendly relations among the Central Asian States through deepening relations in the fields of enlightenment, science, education, technology, innovation, tourism, culture, the arts and sports, and for continued mutual assistance in emergency situations;
9. *Encourages* the efforts of the partners of the Central Asian States and the international community as a whole to strengthen and expand cooperation with the countries of the region in the fields of regional security and sustainable development;
10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session an item entitled “Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia”.