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Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the joint statement of the Heads of States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, which was adopted at the Organization's summit in Dushanbe, on 15 September 2015 (see annex).

I request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 9 November 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Statement by the Heads of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization**

We, the Heads of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), on the seventieth anniversary of the Victory of our peoples in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945, the end of the Second World War and the formation of the United Nations, established out of the desire of the peoples and Governments of the States of the world for a future without wars, once again declare our commitment to the cause of peace and stable development and stress the need to consolidate the efforts of all States to resolve crucial problems of humanity on the basis of the generally recognized norms and principles of international law.

We firmly condemn any attempts to glorify Nazism, the growth of neo-Nazi tendencies and deliberate attempts to rewrite history and distort and revise the outcome of the Second World War. We consider the persistence of or emergence of new dividing lines and closed borders, and also sanctions imposed in circumvention of the United Nations Security Council, to be unacceptable.

The States members of CSTO call for a unified agenda in world politics and are contributing to the search for solutions to existing disagreements and conflicts by exclusively peaceful political and diplomatic means.

We attach great importance to ensuring equal and indivisible security for all and maintaining global stability. The States members of CSTO are prepared to use existing coordination mechanisms to resolve urgent arms control problems.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, actively advocate the prevention of an arms race. We believe that the unilateral and unrestricted development of missile defence systems by individual States or groups of States will jeopardize international security and is destabilizing the world situation.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, also call for strict observance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; we confirm the obligation to conduct negotiations in good faith on effective measures to stop the nuclear arms race at the earliest possible time and achieve nuclear disarmament, and also on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, and we will promote equal and mutually advantageous international cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, welcome the recent achievement of agreements to resolve the situation concerning the Iranian nuclear programme, and also the solution of the problem of eliminating chemical weapons in Syria.

At the same time we note with deep concern the increasingly adverse impact on the geopolitical situation of destructive non-State forces which cultivate violence, xenophobia and related intolerance and destroy historical and cultural treasures created by world civilization. Terrorist and extremist organizations and

groupings are provoking and fuelling political, religious and social radicalism and the growth of international crime and are striving to break down the foundations of States and public authorities.

The exacerbation of the situation on the borders of the area of responsibility of CSTO, the non-resolution of regional conflicts, the activation of the terrorist formation the “Islamic State”, and the transformation of the territory of Afghanistan into one of the largest drug production centres in the world, are a source of particular concern.

A consolidated international reaction and active steps would make it possible to overcome dangerous tendencies in the development of the international situation.

The States members of CSTO will continue to coordinate their foreign policy positions, make joint statements on current problems of the international situation, and increase support for efforts to seek mutually acceptable solutions to problems on the regional and international agenda.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, confirm the importance of the measures taken to strengthen the defence potential of CSTO and improve the system for practical cooperation between national armed forces and the crisis response mechanism in order to ensure the security, stability, independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of our States. The Collective rapid reaction forces of CSTO are becoming an important factor of security in the area of responsibility of CSTO, including in curbing extremist and terrorist tendencies on the perimeter of the external borders of the States members of CSTO. A review of the Collective rapid reaction forces that was carried out demonstrated their readiness to carry out the tasks facing them.

The regularly conducted comprehensive operational and preventive operations “Kanal” and “Nelegal” are making a major contribution to the control of illicit trafficking in drugs and weapons and illegal migration.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, note the significance of the measures taken within the framework of CSTO to ensure information security, including joint measures under the code name “operation PROKSI”.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, intend to step up joint efforts and improve cooperation among our countries on the basis of a common understanding of general threats and challenges. In this regard, we consider it essential to continue work on the Collective security strategy of CSTO.

The States members of CSTO will continue to pay particular attention to enhancing the effectiveness of CSTO in the prevention and prompt settlement of crisis situations in the area of responsibility of CSTO. We believe that it is important to create an effective system within the framework of CSTO for monitoring and preventing crisis situations.

The States members of CSTO consider the development of the peacekeeping potential of CSTO to be a promising area of its activity and support involvement in international peacekeeping activities under the auspices of the United Nations.

The States members of CSTO will continue to promote the consolidation of the efforts of the international community in combating international terrorism and extremism, illicit drug trafficking and illegal migration, and ensuring international

information security. Special attention will be paid to measures to protect the population and territories from natural and man-made disasters.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, which has observer status with the United Nations, call for the further strengthening of cooperation and the development of relations with other international organizations and countries which demonstrate openness to dialogue under the principles of equal rights and mutual advantage.

The States members of CSTO will continue to cooperate in the parliamentary sphere within the framework of CSTO.

We, the Heads of the States members of CSTO, confirm our willingness to undertake all necessary actions to achieve the goals facing CSTO and once again call on all States and Governments to preserve and strengthen in international relations the norms and principles laid down in the Charter of the United Nations, develop equal and respectful relations, strive to take into account mutual interests and achieve compromise solutions, and rely only on peaceful, political and diplomatic means to settle existing disagreements.

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