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**Letter dated 2 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to convey to you the statement by the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus on the occasion of the eightieth anniversary of the victory of the Soviet people in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 135, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pavel **Evseenko**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 2 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

[Original: Russian]

**Statement by the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus on
the occasion of the eightieth anniversary of the victory of the
Soviet people in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945**

23 April 2025

We, parliamentarians, address the international community to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the victory of the Soviet people in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945. This anniversary is not only a cause for celebration, but also an important reminder of the value of peace, freedom and human life.

The Great Patriotic War was one of the most tragic and heroic periods in world history. It claimed millions of lives, left deep wounds in the hearts of people and changed the destinies of entire nations. Belarus is a living monument to those terrible events. Our country was the first to take the crushing blow of the German fascist invaders. Every third inhabitant died at the hands of the occupiers, and thousands of settlements were destroyed and burned to the ground. The fascists pursued a policy of genocide of the Belarusian people, exterminating them in numerous death camps, test laboratories and gas chambers, and burning them alive in their homes. The death squads did not spare children, women or the elderly. Every centimetre of Belarusian land is soaked with the blood of its inhabitants and defenders of the homeland.

Today, 80 years later, the world is facing new large-scale challenges and threats, including in the field of security. Conflicts, terrorism, economic crises and political disagreements are creating tensions in international relations that could lead to irreparable consequences. Attempts to rewrite history, whitewash Nazism and glorify fascists and their accomplices are unacceptable. We, the heirs of the victorious generation, have a duty to protect the historical truth. Preserving the memory of the great feat of the peoples who opposed fascism is crucial for preventing a repetition of new large-scale bloody wars and conflicts.

The parliaments of all States need to join forces for peace, strengthen international cooperation, support dialogue and good neighbourly relations and find compromises even in the most difficult situations.

Peace is not just the absence of war, but living in safety and harmony. Having experienced the horrors of war, Belarus has always advocated for and will continue to advocate for the political and diplomatic settlement of conflicts, and for strengthening international security and mutually respectful dialogue between States. We believe that it is only through joint efforts that we can overcome global challenges and ensure sustainable development for all peoples.

On this momentous day, we call to mind what unites us – the pursuit of peace, justice and well-being. May the sacred memory of the unparalleled feat, courage and heroism of the Soviet and other peoples who fought against fascism inspire us to work constructively for a future where there is no place for war or suffering.

Let us keep the world safe for our children and grandchildren!