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**Seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the
Second World War**

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75/5. Seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [59/26](#) of 22 November 2004, in which it, inter alia, declared 8–9 May as a time of remembrance and reconciliation, while recognizing that Member States may have individual dates of victory, liberation and commemoration,

Recalling that 2020 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a war which brought untold sorrow to humankind, particularly in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Pacific and other parts of the world,

Stressing that this historic event established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Noting that the United Nations has helped to shape the very structure of relations between nations in the modern age, including through the process of decolonization, and recalling in this regard the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of 14 December 1960,¹

Calling upon the States Members of the United Nations to unite their efforts in dealing with challenges and threats to international peace and security, with the United Nations playing a central role, and to make every effort to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and to settle all disputes by peaceful means in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations,

¹ Resolution [1514 \(XV\)](#).



Underlining the progress made since the end of the Second World War in overcoming its legacy and towards reconciliation, international and regional cooperation and the promotion of democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular through the United Nations, and the establishment of regional organizations and other appropriate frameworks,

1. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals to observe these days in an appropriate manner to pay tribute to all victims of the Second World War;
2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold a special solemn meeting of the General Assembly on 1 December 2020 in commemoration of all victims of the war;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system and to take measures necessary for its implementation.

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5 November 2020*
