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Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia

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79/5. Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its declaration of the territory of the Central Asian countries,¹ by its resolution [76/299](#) of 28 July 2022, as the zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia,

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,

Recalling its resolutions declaring zones of peace in the South Atlantic² and the Indian Ocean,³ recalling also the proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, and emphasizing the importance of these zones in maintaining stability and security in those regions,

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,

¹ Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

² Resolution [41/11](#).

³ Resolution [2832 \(XXVI\)](#).



Recalling its resolution 78/266 of 21 March 2024, by which it proclaimed 2025 the International Year of Peace and Trust,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,⁴ 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 countries in ensuring peace, stability and sustainable development in the region, as well as in promoting regional and international cooperation,

Noting with appreciation the initiatives of the Central Asian countries in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, in particular proclamations of the International Day against Nuclear Tests on 29 August and the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness on 5 March,

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 Development⁵ and the Sustainable Development Goals contained therein at the national level,

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,⁶

Reaffirming the importance of holding regular consultative meetings of the Heads of State of Central Asian countries, and in this regard welcoming the results of the previous consultative meetings,

1. *Welcomes 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;*

2. *Also welcomes the progress made by the Central Asian Governments in the peaceful settlement of their territorial and border issues, and encourages them to continue to work to resolve outstanding issues in full compliance with the norms of international law, commending in particular the signing of the agreement between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan on the State border on 3 November 2022, which is a clear demonstration of the political leadership of the two States in building peace, trust and cooperation in Central Asia, and the achievement of significant progress in the negotiation process between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan on the delimitation of the State border, as well as the commitment of the two countries to finding mutually acceptable solutions based on the principles of good-neighbourliness and friendship;*

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 Resolutions 53/243 A and B.

⁵ Resolution 70/1.

⁶ See resolution 77/273.

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. *Welcomes* the decision of the Central Asian States to further improve the format of consultative meetings of Heads of State by establishing the Council of National Coordinators;
6. *Notes* the existing opportunities to consider during the consultative meetings of the Heads of State of Central Asian countries the establishment of a regional legal framework for the zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia, taking into account the experience of similar zones in other regions of the world, ensuring its long-term viability and effectiveness through a joint political declaration or treaty;
7. *Welcomes* the cooperation and engagement of the Central Asian countries on dealing with current challenges in Afghanistan, and in this context supports the initiative of Kazakhstan to establish in Almaty, through voluntary contributions, the United Nations Regional Centre for the Sustainable Development Goals for Central Asia and Afghanistan;
8. *Calls upon* all States of the Central Asian region to promote further regional cooperation, *inter alia*, for economic and social development;
9. *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;
10. *Recognizes* the importance of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia,⁷ emphasizing its significance in the attainment of peace and security;
11. *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;
12. *Also 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;
13. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to consider convening, through voluntary contributions, a high-level meeting, in collaboration with the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs of the Secretariat, in New York, during the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly, to promote the existing regional zones of peace, encourage cooperation between them and foster friendly relations and confidence among nations in order to contribute to the fulfilment of the common pledge to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which gave purpose to the United Nations;
14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-first session the item entitled “Zone of peace, trust and cooperation of Central Asia”.

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⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2970, No. 51633.