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**Peacebuilding and sustaining peace****Letter dated 30 January 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I write with regard to the international conference on the theme “Turkmenistan and international organizations: cooperation for peace and development”, dedicated to the celebration in 2020 of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan under the slogan “Turkmenistan is the home of neutrality” and held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 14 January 2020.

I have the honour to transmit herewith the appeal of the participants in the international conference to the Secretary-General, which was adopted following the results of the conference (see annex).

I would be very grateful if you could kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62.

*(Signed)* Aksoltan Ataeva  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 30 January 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Appeal to the Secretary-General of the United Nations from the participants in the international conference on the theme “Turkmenistan and international organizations: cooperation for peace and development”**

We, the participants in the international conference on the theme “Turkmenistan and international organizations: cooperation for peace and development”, celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan in 2020 under the slogan “Turkmenistan is the homeland of neutrality”, held in Ashgabat on 14 January 2020 under the chairmanship of the President of Turkmenistan, Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov,

*Calling* for closer multilateral cooperation in today’s world in order to realize the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, strengthen international peace and security and ensure economic, environmental, social and human development,

*Emphasizing* the need to implement the global strategies and programmes of the United Nations, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Agenda,

*Noting* that 2020 marks the beginning of a decade of decisive action aimed at the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by all countries by 2030,

*Noting in particular* that implementation of the policy of neutrality contributes to strengthening international and regional stability and plays an important role in the development of peaceful, friendly and mutually beneficial relations between the countries of the world,

*Emphasizing* that the policy of neutrality is designed to promote the use of preventive diplomacy through multilateralism and political dialogue,

*Noting* in this regard the effective work of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia,

*Supporting* the constructive foreign policy of Turkmenistan based on positive neutrality and also noting the experience of Turkmenistan as an effective partner of the United Nations in preserving and maintaining political stability at the regional and global levels,

*Welcoming* Turkmenistan’s initiative to establish a group of friends of neutrality for peace and security and to prepare a set of rules for the effective application of the principles of neutrality in resolving international issues,

*Stressing* that the celebration in 2021 of the International Year of Peace and Trust, proclaimed by the General Assembly at the initiative of Turkmenistan, is a way to consolidate the efforts of the international community to establish a culture of peaceful dialogue among States in order to achieve sustainable peace, solidarity and harmony,

*Welcoming* the decision of the Government of Turkmenistan to hold in Ashgabat, on 12 December 2020, a high-level international conference on the policy of neutrality and its importance in ensuring international peace, security and sustainable

development, dedicated to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan and to the celebration of the International Day of Neutrality,

*Welcoming* the invitation from the Secretary-General of the United Nations to engage in an extensive and open global dialogue on the role of international cooperation in building the future, in connection with the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations,

*Call on* the Secretary-General of the United Nations:

*To continue* to fully support United Nations cooperation with neutral States in order to make greater use of the principles of neutrality and preventive diplomacy in the pursuit of international security and sustainable development;

*To support* initiatives and activities within the framework of the International Year of Peace and Trust in 2021, and to promote the involvement of the States Members, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations in activities to develop and strengthen a culture of peace and trust, including through education and awareness-raising activities;

*To promote* the active involvement of the relevant agencies of the United Nations system in the process of organizing and holding in Ashgabat, on 12 December 2020, the high-level international conference on the policy of neutrality and its importance in ensuring international peace, security and sustainable development, as well as greater participation by the Organization's Member States in the forthcoming forum.

*Participants in the international conference on the theme "Turkmenistan and international organizations: cooperation for peace and development"*

Ashgabat, 14 January 2020