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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 8699th meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 January 2020, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Maintenance of international peace and security", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, reaffirms its commitment to the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles of the Charter, and an international order based on international law, which is the indispensable foundation of a more peaceful, prosperous and just world, for peaceful coexistence, and for cooperation among States in addressing threats to international peace and security. In this connection, the Council reaffirms its commitment to multilateralism and the central role of the United Nations.

"The Security Council recognises the critical importance of the Charter to the maintenance of international peace and security and development of international law, including principles that govern interstate relations to help prevent the scourge of war.

"The Security Council reaffirms its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security under the Charter of the United Nations, and in this context, underscores the need for all States and international and regional organizations and others to have respect for the Charter.

"The Security Council calls on Member States to fully comply with the Charter of the United Nations. In this regard, the Council calls on all Member States to promote and uphold the Charter, including through raising public awareness of the Charter and the importance of compliance with the Charter in the maintenance of international peace and security, further mainstreaming the purposes and principles of the Charter into policy-making and implementation mechanisms and activities pertaining to peace and security, and ensuring that all matters relating to international peace and security are addressed in such a way that reflects full respect for the Charter. The Council welcomes all efforts to assist Member States, upon their request, in the domestic implementation of their respective obligations under the Charter through enhanced technical assistance and capacity-building. The Council also stresses the need for enhanced inclusive dialogue in the interest of all Member States to share different experiences, national best practices and lessons learned in implementing their obligations under the Charter.



“The Security Council recognises the positive contribution over 75 years by the United Nations to upholding the Charter and reiterates the importance of the activities of the organs and agencies of the United Nations being undertaken in accordance with the Charter. The Council underscores the importance of the widest possible dissemination of in-depth knowledge of the Charter, including through relevant training for Member States, international and regional organizations and their staff. The Council encourages the United Nations Secretary-General to continue his efforts to assist Member States and regional organizations in upholding the Charter through, inter alia, capacity-building activities and, in this regard, further encourages the Secretary-General and relevant United Nations agencies to incorporate activities to promote the role of the Charter in their programmes to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

“The Security Council underlines the importance of the role of regional and sub-regional organizations and arrangements and of cooperation with them, consistent with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, with regard to maintaining international peace and security, contributing to international efforts to uphold the Charter. The Council welcomes the contribution by regional and sub-regional organizations in promoting and undertaking activities in accordance with the Charter. In this connection, the Council urges them to further strengthen awareness of the Charter and uphold the Charter in all their activities relating to international peace and security. The Council invites regional and sub-regional organizations to consider providing assistance to Member States, upon their request, in their efforts to uphold the Charter in their undertakings, and strengthening their cooperation with the United Nations and other organizations in solidifying Member States’ adherence to the Charter, including through promoting partnership, dialogue and exchange of views.

“The Security Council stresses its determination in upholding the Charter of the United Nations in all of its activities and its commitment to working closely with all relevant partners to ensure more effective implementation of the Charter as an indispensable tool in the maintenance of international peace and security.”
