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**Seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War****Letter dated 1 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a declaration of the State Duma of the Russian Federation dated 18 November 2020 on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Nuremberg Tribunal proceedings against major war criminals (see annex I), and the decree on its adoption (see annex II).

We would be grateful if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 137.

*(Signed)* Vassily Nebenzia



**Annex I to the letter dated 1 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

[Original: Russian]

**Seventh State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation**

**Declaration of the State Duma regarding the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Nuremberg Tribunal proceedings against major war criminals**

The State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation reiterates the importance of the historical lessons learned from the tragic events that resulted from the large-scale spread of Nazi ideology, notes that the victory of the anti-Hitler coalition in the Second World War created the conditions for the establishment of an international security system designed to spare future generations from war, acknowledges the progress made in international universal and regional cooperation after the Second World War, especially within the United Nations, emphasizes the need for States to implement the resolutions of the Security Council on the maintenance of international peace and security, and considers it necessary to state the following.

The year 2020 brings the worldwide commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the work in Nuremberg of the International Military Tribunal for the prosecution and punishment of the major war criminals of the European axis (the Nuremberg Tribunal), which enshrined in law the final defeat of fascism and played an important role in the development of international law.

The Nuremberg Tribunal was given jurisdiction over crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against civilians.

The principles of international law recognized by the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and the judgment of the Tribunal have influenced the development of many branches of international law and national criminal law. These principles are still important today.

Attempts to rewrite history and to distort and revise the outcome of the Second World War, including as set out in the judgment of the Nuremberg Tribunal, are unacceptable, as is any distortion of the historical truth concerning the events of that time, which does an injustice to the memory of the people who died and those who experienced the horrors of the war.

The deputies of the State Duma consider it unacceptable to glorify, in any form, the Nazi movement, neo-Nazism and former members of the Waffen SS organization, including by erecting monuments and memorials, holding public demonstrations in the name of the glorification of the Nazi past, the Nazi movement and neo-Nazism, declaring or attempting to declare such members and those who fought against the anti-Hitler coalition, collaborated with the Nazi movement and committed war crimes and crimes against humanity participants in national liberation movements, as well as by the renaming of streets glorifying them.

The State Duma declares it inadmissible to desecrate or destroy monuments erected in remembrance of liberator soldiers and to make such actions State policy.

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Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly  
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Moscow  
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**Annex II to the letter dated 1 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

[Original: Russian]

**Seventh State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation**

**Decision of the State Duma concerning the declaration of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation regarding the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Nuremberg Tribunal proceedings against major war criminals**

The State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation hereby decides:

1. To adopt the declaration by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation regarding the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Nuremberg Tribunal proceedings against major war criminals.
2. To transmit the present decision and the aforementioned declaration to the United Nations, the European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
3. To transmit the present decision and the aforementioned declaration to the Parliamentary Gazette for official publication.
4. The present decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

**V.V. Volodin**  
Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly  
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Moscow  
18 November 2020

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