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Seventy-eighth year**Letter dated 5 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative
of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the address by the participants of the International Youth Forum “Dialogue – Guarantee of Peace”, which was held in Arkadag, Turkmenistan, on 2 October 2023 (see annex).

I will be very grateful if you could kindly circulate the present document and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14, 18, 61 and 64, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Aksoltan Ataeva
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 5 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Address by the participants of the International Youth Forum on Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace

We, the participants of the International Youth Forum on Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace, held in a hybrid format on 2 October 2023 in Arkadag, Turkmenistan, and organized by the Government of Turkmenistan with the active participation of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Turkmenistan, have gathered to explore and discuss critical topics related to the key role of youth in conflict prevention and resolution, the use of technology in peacebuilding, the relationship between climate change and peace, and inspiring youth-led initiatives relating to peace and social cohesion,

In pursuance of United Nations General Assembly resolution [77/32](#) of 6 December 2022, which proclaimed 2023 as the International Year of Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace, in order to mobilize the international community in promoting peace and trust in relations between States, based on, inter alia, political dialogue, negotiations, mutual understanding and cooperation, particularly using as a basis political dialogue, negotiation, mutual understanding and cooperation, with the aim of achieving sustainable peace, solidarity and harmony,

Recalling United Nations Security Council resolution [2419 \(2018\)](#) of 6 June 2018, on youth, peace and security, in which the Council reaffirmed the important role that youth can play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts,

Recalling further United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which for the first time the Assembly recognized children and youth as agents of change, and recognizing that the Sustainable Development Goals are integrated, indivisible and global in nature, and therefore that all of them apply to youth,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 September 1999, which serve as the universal mandate for the international community, particularly 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 need to continuously engage young people in all efforts made by the United Nations system in general and the international community at large for peacekeeping, peacebuilding, mediation, the prevention of conflicts, sustainable development, the promotion of human dignity and human rights, democracy, the rule of law and gender equality at the national and international levels, that contribute greatly to a culture of peace,

Recognizing the inherent potential of young people as agents of positive change, and considering the relevance of global issues, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering a culture of dialogue, mutual understanding and cooperation as fundamental guarantees of peace.

Theme 1: Dialogue as a guarantee of peace

Exploring the role of youth in preventing and resolving conflict and promoting sustainable peace

- 1.1. *We emphasize* the crucial role of youth in conflict prevention and resolution. Youth are not just beneficiaries of peace, but active participants and leaders in peacebuilding processes.
- 1.2. *We call on* Governments, civil society organizations and international institutions to actively involve young people in decision-making processes related to conflict resolution and peacebuilding.
- 1.3. *We undertake* to foster a culture of dialogue and mutual understanding, promote tolerance and respect for diversity, and address the root causes of conflict through education, information campaigns and public engagement.

Theme 2: Digital diplomacy and peacebuilding

Use of technology and social media in positive peacekeeping efforts

- 2.1. *We recognize* the potential of technology and social media in advancing peacebuilding efforts, and the importance of responsible and ethical digital diplomacy.
- 2.2. *We call* for the development of digital and media literacy programmes that will enable youth to use technology and social media as tools to promote peace and counter hate speech, disinformation and violent extremism.
- 2.3. *We call* on governments and technology companies to work together to create safe online spaces that foster dialogue, understanding and collaboration among diverse groups of youth.

Theme 3: Climate change

Exploring the relationship between environmental sustainability and peacebuilding

- 3.1. *We acknowledge* the link between climate change and peace, understanding that environmental degradation can exacerbate conflict and threaten peace.
- 3.2. *We call* for urgent action to address the impacts of climate change and advance sustainable practices that promote peace, including support for vulnerable communities affected by climate-related displacement.
- 3.3. *We undertake* to raise awareness of the importance of environmental sustainability and advocate for policies that mitigate climate change and promote peace.

Theme 4: Youth initiatives for peace

Demonstration of successful youth projects and initiatives promoting peace and social cohesion

- 4.1. *We underscore* the inspiring youth initiatives presented at the Forum, demonstrating the potential of young people to bring about positive change in their communities.
- 4.2. *We undertake* to support and replicate these initiatives, contributing to the creation of a global network of youth peace projects that promote social cohesion and conflict prevention and resolution.
- 4.3. *We call* on governments, foundations and international organizations to provide financial and technical support to youth peace initiatives.

Conclusion

We, the participants of the International Youth Forum on Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace, pledge to take concrete actions based on the discussions and views expressed during this Forum. We believe in the transformative power of youth engagement, dialogue and cooperation in ensuring a peaceful and sustainable future for all,

We undertake to use the knowledge gained during the Forum to promote sustainable peace in our communities, in our countries and throughout the world.

We welcome the proposal of the Government of Turkmenistan to regularly convene International Forums on Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace in order to provide youth with the necessary institutional platform for promoting peace and trust through intercultural and interreligious dialogue, mutual understanding and cooperation.

We express our gratitude to the Government of Turkmenistan for convening this Forum and for its warm hospitality. We look forward to continued cooperation and progress in our common pursuit of a peaceful world.

Arkadag, Turkmenistan, 2 October 2023
