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High-Level Meeting on regional zones of peace

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3 P.M. – 5 P.M.

General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 79/5 of 24th October 2024, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Philemon Yang, will convene a high-level Meeting on regional zones of peace.

Zones of Peace have been declared in various regions. Resolution 79/5 of the General Assembly recalls the declaration of the territory of the Central Asian countries by its resolution 76/299 of 28 July 2022 as the zone of peace, trust, and cooperation of Central Asia. It also refers to the proclamation in 1967 of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, to the General Assembly's declaration of the South Atlantic as a zone of peace through resolution 41/11 of 27 October 1986 and to the declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, through resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971.

In the Pact for the Future (A/RES/79/1), Member States of the United Nations expressed their concern about the increasing and diverse threats to international peace and security and expressed their enduring commitment to establish a just and lasting peace, while recognizing the United Nations' indispensable role in the maintenance of international peace and security. In the Pact, Member States also decided to promote cooperation and understanding, defuse tensions, seek the pacific settlement of disputes and resolve conflicts, reaffirming their commitment to preventive diplomacy and the importance of dialogue between States.

In this regard, Member States committed to develop and implement mechanisms as required for the pacific settlement of disputes, confidence-building, early warning and crisis management, at the subregional,

regional and international levels to address new and emerging threats to international peace and security as well as pursue and apply confidence-building measures to reduce tensions and promote international peace and security. Such commitments and relevant General Assembly Resolutions, including 79/5, may serve as a context for when considering regional zones of peace.

Objective

The high-level meeting convened in collaboration with the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs will provide an opportunity to exchange views and aims to promote the existing regional zones of peace, to encourage cooperation between them and to foster friendly relations and confidence among nations and regions. The successful experiences of existing zones of peace could be considered as lessons to encourage cooperation elsewhere.

Format and Participation

The high-level meeting will consist of an opening segment and a plenary segment.

The meeting will be open to Member States and Observers. Delegations wishing to deliver statements are invited to inscribe on the list of speakers for the plenary segment of the meeting through e-deleGATE. The time limit for statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

Accessibility arrangements

Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat of the accessibility requirements of their delegates in order to facilitate participation in meetings. Upon request, adjustments can be made to seating arrangements with a view to enabling the participation of people with disabilities.

The United Nations webcast services will provide live streaming coverage of the high-level meeting in all six official languages as well as on-demand coverage (recorded video) in English and original language, through the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>.

Provisional Programme

Opening Segment

(3.00 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.)

H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang, President of the General Assembly

H.E. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific

H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan (TBC)

Plenary Segment

(3.45 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.) Statements from Member States and Observers of the General Assembly