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General and complete disarmament**Note verbale dated 19 August 2005 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of the declaration of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, of 22 June 2005, regarding the ratification of the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (see annex). The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation would be grateful if the declaration in question could be circulated in connection with item 98 of the provisional agenda of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

New York, 19 August 2005

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Annex to the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations of 19 August 1005 addressed to the Secretary-General

Declaration of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization regarding the ratification of the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe

The States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization consider the adapted Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe to be fundamental to ensuring security and stability in Europe. They will consequently do their utmost to accelerate the implementation of the political commitment entered into in Istanbul in 1999 and will take practical action to encourage completion of the national procedures for the ratification of the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

The States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization hope that all the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe will take similar action, enabling the Treaty to remain an important instrument of security, stability and confidence in Europe and enabling new States Parties to join it, thus substantially strengthening the architecture of European security.

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(Signed) **S. N. Martynov**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

(Signed) **K. K. Tokaev**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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