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Letter dated 20 December 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the outcome document of the international forum entitled “Dialogue is a guarantee of peace”, which was held in Ashgabat on 11 December 2023 (see annex).

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

(Signed) Ata **Eyberdiyev**
Chargé d'affaires a.i



Annex to the letter dated 20 December 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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**Outcome document
The International Forum “Dialogue is a Guarantee of Peace”**

The participants of the International Forum “Dialogue is a Guarantee of Peace”, assembled in Ashgabat on 11 December 2023,

Noting the important role of the United Nations in the development of friendly relations among countries,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and, above all, the obligation to settle disputes by peaceful means,

Noting the necessity to implement the global strategies and programmes of the United Nations, including those relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

In the interests of implementing the provisions of United Nations General Assembly resolution [77/32](#) of 6 December 2022, which proclaimed 2023 the International Year of Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace;

Bearing in mind the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, which provide the international community and the United Nations system with a universal mandate to build a culture of peace and non-violence in the interests of humankind and its future generations,¹

Noting that the “Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace” initiative, supported through United Nations General Assembly Resolution [77/32](#) of 6 December 2022, echoes the call of the Secretary General of the United Nations for a New Agenda for Peace;

Reaffirming the role of inclusive dialogue in promoting a culture of peace to support active peace efforts as a basis for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing that dialogue as a valuable tool in conflict resolution and prevention helps to ease tensions, resolve disputes, overcome dividing lines, contribute to a culture of peace and non-violence, and build contacts between peoples and countries,

Noting that all the efforts undertaken by the United Nations and the international community to promote conflict prevention, the peaceful settlement of disputes, peacekeeping, peace-building, mediation, disarmament, sustainable development, the promotion of human dignity and human rights, social integration, democracy and the rule of law at the national and international levels make a significant contribution to the development of a culture of dialogue for peace,

Welcoming the efforts made by the United Nations Member States and international and regional organizations to address global challenges and achieve results in a spirit of trust and solidarity, as well as to build relations based on dialogue and cooperation,

Emphasizing in particular the role of women and youth, as well as the contribution of children and older persons in advancing a culture of peace, and

¹ United Nations General Assembly resolutions [53/243](#) A and B.

notably the importance of the active participation of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in activities promoting a culture of peace, including in post-conflict situations,

Emphasizing in particular that the policy of neutrality proclaimed and pursued by the United Nations Member States plays an important role in the development of peaceful dialogue, trusting, friendly and mutually beneficial relations among the countries of the world and contributes to the strengthening of international peace and security at the regional and global levels,

Noting the importance of preventive diplomacy in supporting the efforts of the international community to peacefully resolve conflicts in order to preserve peace, as well as the need to develop and strengthen preventive diplomacy, in particular through multilateralism and political dialogue,

Emphasizing in this regard the effective work of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia in Ashgabat, whose mandate and operation were supported by the United Nations General Assembly in accordance with its resolution [77/273](#) of 24 February 2023;

1. *Supported* the Global Initiative “Dialogue is a Guarantee of Peace” promoted by Turkmenistan, aimed at uniting the efforts of the international community in strengthening the traditions of peaceful and trust-based coexistence of nations of the world, promoting views and traditions of preserving and promoting peace, strengthening a culture of peace and trust in international relations, respecting and observing the principles of the United Nations Charter;

2. *Emphasized* that the observance of the International Year of Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace has contributed to the implementation of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on “Our Common Agenda” ([A/75/982](#)) and of the call to mobilize the international community to work together to strengthen peace and trust among countries, inter alia, through political dialogue, negotiation, mutual understanding and cooperation, with a view to achieving sustainable peace, solidarity and harmony;

3. *Recognized* that dialogue is not just a diplomatic tool, but is a fundamental necessity for preventing conflict, fostering cooperation and achieving sustainable peace.

4. *Noted* the importance of supporting sustainable development in all its dimensions, guided by the principle of “leaving no one behind”, to prevent conflict and bring about a culture of peace and trust.

5. *Noted* the great potential of modern telecommunications systems, including social networks and Internet applications, to create a favourable information environment around a culture of peace and trust as a means of preventing the spread of hate speech on the Internet;

6. *Emphasized* the role of dialogue in conflict prevention, expressing confidence in its potential to defuse tensions and build mutual understanding.

7. *Highlighted* the key role of women in conflict resolution, calling for the recognition and empowerment of women in peace processes.

8. *Emphasized* the importance of engaging youth in dialogue to shape a more inclusive and sustainable future, calling for their empowerment.

9. *Noted* the importance of uniting the efforts of States in addressing global environmental challenges through dialogue, emphasizing the need for collective solutions and the creation of a united front to achieve sustainable environmental goals.

10. *Emphasized* that the International Forum “Dialogue is a Guarantee of Peace” has provided clear proof of the international community’s desire to make 2023 the year of meaningful dialogue.

11. *Noted* that the holding of this Forum is recognized as a timely and necessary step in the circumstances of the current geopolitical challenges, and emphasized with conviction that the ideas and commitments discussed will lead to real actions and will be a valuable contribution to achieving sustainable peace.

12. *Expressed* deep gratitude and appreciation to the government of Turkmenistan for the skilful organization and conduct of the International Forum “Dialogue is a Guarantee of Peace”.

11 December 2023, Ashgabat
