

Statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on cooperation of the Organization with States and international organizations

The States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) declare their interest in developing friendly and mutually beneficial relations with third countries and international organizations to maintain peace and stability in the Eurasian region, and reaffirm their willingness to build such cooperation on the basis of the generally recognized norms and principles of international law, to renounce confrontation and to tackle global issues exclusively through political and diplomatic means in accordance with the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations.

We are convinced that one way to strengthen regional security and stability is to enhance communication, including foreign policy cooperation, between CSTO and third countries and international organizations. Given the pervasive threats, primarily international terrorism, drug trafficking and other transnational challenges, and regional conflicts, the situation remains challenging. It is clear that the only way to effectively combat traditional and new challenges and threats is to consolidate international efforts.

On 19 January 2021, regulations establishing partner status and observer status with CSTO entered into force, providing interested States and international organizations that share the objectives and principles of CSTO and that wish to establish and develop contacts with the Organization with the necessary legal framework to enter into cooperation with CSTO in a mutually acceptable format. The States members of the Organization recommend taking advantage of potential opportunities in that regard.

The CSTO member States express their willingness to develop cooperation in such areas as: foreign policy dialogue and cooperation on international and regional security issues; crisis response; military cooperation; peacekeeping; combating international terrorism and extremism; information security; and countering transnational organized crime, including the illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and their precursors, trafficking in arms and irregular migration. A/75/906 S/2021/534 21-07422 5/8 The CSTO member States also reiterate their willingness to establish cooperation in other agreed areas of mutual interest.

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