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Mr. President,

This year the international community is commemorating the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War - one of the greatest twentieth-century tragedies that put Europe and the entire human civilization on the edge of disaster.

The today’s solemn meeting of the General Assembly is in memory of all victims of those horrendous events.

We pay tribute to millions and millions of men and women, soldiers and civilians of many nations of the anti-Hitler coalition who died on battlefields and in death camps, who did not spare their lives in defeating fascism and bringing peace to the world.

We are eternally indebted to all those who perished in the just fight for freedom and human dignity, for life and independence of our peoples, for a better future and the world free from affliction.

And we are particularly proud that, among others, the people of my country made their contribution to the victory and to salvaging the humankind from the plague of war.

Mr. President,

The end of the Second World War was marked by a common victory against a common enemy. It became a common value for humankind, which should be kept in the memory of the nations and consolidate them in the face of new challenges and threats.

Sadly, the international community came to realize the need for a system of collective security for ensuring international peace through the suffering and death of millions of people. We cannot allow the horrible tragedy of the war to be forgotten.

After that enormous disaster and tragedy, the leaders of the world, guided by the vision of a united and prosperous future for the next generations, had laid the foundation of cooperation and stability. The anniversary of the end of the Second World War holds special significance for the United Nations.

Keeping in mind the lessons of the history, the United Nations has to reaffirm the purposes and principles enshrined in its Charter, and spare no efforts in preventing and resolving conflicts by peaceful means, strengthening its capacities in peacebuilding and the consolidation of peace, and promoting democratic values.

Along with its member states it has to increase awareness of the universal values shared by humankind, promote a culture of peace, tolerance and cooperation and create at the global, regional and national levels an environment conducive to peace and common understanding.

This is our sacred duty to the victims of war, the victims of hatred, intolerance and poverty, and to those who foresaw, beyond the war, a world of peace and cooperation.

Nowadays, it is in the interest of humanity to further strengthen the effectiveness of the United Nations as the central element in the collective security and peace. It will enable the family of nations to face the future with confidence and to achieve the noble goal of its Charter to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war".

The member states shall unite their efforts in dealing with new challenges and threats, with the United Nations playing a central role, and to make every effort to settle all disputes by peaceful means in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and in such a manner that the international peace and security are not endangered.

I thank you Mr. President