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to the United Nations**

**at the High-Level Special Event
“United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization: cooperation aimed at
strengthening peace, security and stability”**

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At the outset, I would like to thank the Kyrgyz Republic as Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization for having organized this high-level special event. We are also grateful to UN Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres and the SCO Secretary-General Mr. Rashid Alimov for their insightful remarks.

In its relevant resolutions, the General Assembly has acknowledged the important role that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization plays in securing peace and sustainable development, advancing regional cooperation and strengthening good-neighbourliness and mutual trust.

Azerbaijan shares the purposes and principles of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which are based on respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of States, and fully supports the continued cooperation between the United Nations and the SCO.

We welcome the accomplishments of the Organization, which are important for us both in the regional context and in view of friendly bilateral relations with all the SCO Member States.

Azerbaijan is pleased to develop its partnership relations with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in strengthening regional security and stability, countering terrorism, extremism and separatism, drug trafficking and related criminal activities and promoting regional cooperation in other areas of mutual interest and concern.

We note that the fields of cooperation agreed between Azerbaijan and the CSO include also the promotion of dialogue among civilizations, multiculturalism and tolerance, to which Azerbaijan attaches primary importance in its consistent efforts towards advancing mutual respect and better understanding among peoples of different cultures and religions.

Furthermore, as a country that has either initiated or actively promoted a number of important trans-regional transportation and energy projects, Azerbaijan looks forward to developing its partnership relations with the SCO and its Member States in this area.

We are confident that strengthened cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization will further contribute to peace, security and development in the region and beyond.

Azerbaijan supports the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, looks forward to its consensus adoption by the General Assembly and commends the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic to that end.

Thank you.