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**at the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate and promote
the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace**

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Madam President,

At the outset, I would like to thank you for convening this High-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace.

General Assembly resolution 73/127, of which Azerbaijan is one of the co-sponsors, declared 24 April as the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace to promote the values of the United Nations and reaffirm the faith of our people in the purposes and principles enshrined in its Charter.

It is symbolical that the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace coincides with the date of conclusion of the Afro-Asian Conference of Bandung in 1955, which paved the way for the Non-Aligned Movement. We are proud to host the next Summit of the Movement later this year in Baku – the capital city of Azerbaijan – under the theme “Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary world”. As the next Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, Azerbaijan will spare no effort towards further promoting multilateralism, the rules-based international order, the culture of peace and dialogue among civilizations, religions and cultures.

Madam President,

The United Nations is a critical pillar of multilateralism and the purposes and principles of its Charter constitute the foundational normative framework in international relations. There is no alternative to commonly agreed rules and their universal application.

It is our collective duty to promote and support a reformed, reinvigorated and strengthened multilateral system. Azerbaijan commends the Secretary-General’s strong commitment to reform and fully supports his determination to genuinely contribute to preventing wars, sustaining peace and making the United Nations more integrated, effective and efficient.

First and foremost, all States must strictly comply with their international obligations particularly those relating to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and the inviolability of their internationally recognized borders.

The objective of ensuring a peaceful, just and prosperous world is hardly achievable if the universally accepted fundamental values, norms and principles are overtly disregarded so as to whitewash aggressions and other illegal actions.

Needless to say, the implementation of resolutions adopted by the principal organs of the United Nations and accountability acquire significant importance in that connection. Apparent disregard of Security Council resolutions containing binding demands, along with attempts to evade their execution by secondary measures under whatever pretext, cannot constitute an accepted practice in the Council's discharging of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The United Nations, which was established to prevent war and human suffering by binding all its Members through a common rules-based order, plays a central role in ensuring that all involved in addressing peace and security concerns uphold the uniform application of the purposes and principles of the Organization. Support for that role of the United Nations and for safeguarding its collective security, political and humanitarian mechanisms is crucial in maintaining peace, stability and sustainable development.

Coherent global responses and common efforts, with the effective United Nations at the center, are the most effective ways to address conflicts, fight climate change and global terrorism, manage forced displacements and migratory flows and achieve the goals of peace, inclusive sustainable development and human rights for all.

Thank you.