

Statement by the President of the Security Council

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The Security Council recalls that the UN was established to save mankind from the scourge of war. It reaffirms the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and underscores that the need to strengthen resolve to maintain international peace and security, consistent with the Charter, is more pressing than ever.

The Security Council reaffirms its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. The Council further reaffirms its commitment to international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, including its purposes and principles in their entirety, which are universal, indispensable and irreplaceable foundations of a more safe, peaceful, just, equal, inclusive, sustainable and prosperous world.

The Security Council recognizes the need for universal adherence to and implementation of international law obligations, including obligations arising from relevant Security Council resolutions and emphasizes the vital importance it attaches to promoting justice and the rule of law, as an indispensable element for peaceful coexistence and the prevention of armed conflict, and reiterates the need to promote women's full, equal, meaningful and safe participation and leadership at all levels of decision-making, in line with Resolution 1325 and related resolutions.

The Security Council acknowledges the complexity of challenges and threats to international peace and security and emphasizes the importance of a comprehensive approach to sustaining peace. It reiterates its strong support for the protection of civilians in armed conflict and underscores the obligations under international humanitarian law concerning the protection of civilians in armed conflict. The Council calls upon all parties to armed conflict to comply fully with their obligations under international humanitarian law, in order to respect and protect civilians, including humanitarian personnel, and reiterates its commitment towards accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

The Security Council underscores the importance of upholding multilateralism and the central role of the United Nations in the multilateral system, as well as its support to strengthened coordination within the United Nations system, delivering change for the most vulnerable including through pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals and preventing and reducing conflict, and commends humanitarian personnel for their work in alleviating the suffering of the civilian population and protecting human dignity as well as the actions of the United Nations and its

agencies in supporting the maintenance of peace and security. The Council reaffirms that development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing.

The Security Council is fully aware of the responsibilities bestowed upon it by the Charter of the United Nations, and of the collective aspirations of the peoples of the world, which impel it to take effective action to maintain international peace and security. The Council expresses its commitment to fulfilling its responsibilities in the most effective manner. It further recognizes that the spirit that guided the creation of the United Nations should prevail and inspire mankind to persist on the path of peace.