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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ISMATULLO NASREDINOV,
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**On the 70th anniversary of the Victory in the
Great Patriotic War of 1941 to 1945**

Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan, which associated itself with the joint statement read out by our Kazakh colleague, would also like to take note of the advent of a landmark holiday – the 70th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941 to 1945. This holiday is being celebrated in many countries of the world as a day of great triumph, valour and justice, as well as one of remembrance and mourning for those who died fighting Nazism.

The Second World War is indisputably considered the most terrible tragedy that befell humanity in the last century. During that War, we experienced severe hardships and unbelievable human and material losses.

It must be pointed out that the main thrust of Hitlerite fascism was directed against the peoples of the former Soviet Union. In response, however, the fascist army was met by unprecedented popular heroism, valour and a merciless struggle. As a result, the mighty fascist military machine was defeated, peace and tranquillity were ensured on earth, and various peoples of the world opened their doors to a free, peaceful and creative life.

Alongside fighters on the front lines of this destructive war, hundreds of thousands of valiant sons of Tajikistan displayed unprecedented heroism. Tens of thousands of them fell victim while defending a peaceful future for humanity.

The unity, cohesion and great feeling of unanimity against fascism among the different peoples of the world, regardless of their political ideology and religious and racial identity, are considered the brightest episodes of the Second World War.

What is more, Victory Day is a symbol of loyalty, a sign of the feeling of deep patriotism, glory and unity and of the steadfast and unshakeable spirit of the peace- and freedom-loving peoples of the world.

The Republic of Tajikistan is a supporter of peace, stability, tranquillity and well-being for humanity. Our country adheres to a firm position of ensuring lasting peace and a happy life for all peoples on the planet, and always calls for eliminating the global threats of the contemporary era solely on the basis of the development of friendly relations, unity and constructive co-operation.

I take this opportunity once more to sincerely congratulate all colleagues on the occasion of Victory Day, and I wish every country peace, tranquillity, happiness and prosperity.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.