

Joint statement of the High-Level Conference Security and Stability in the SCO Region (Moscow, 4 June 2015)

We, the High Representatives of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member states, Observers and Dialogue Partners – the Russian Federation, Republic of Kazakhstan, People's Republic of China, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Belarus and Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, having discussed in a direct and constructive spirit the issues of ensuring peace and stability in the SCO area, state the following.

We stress that the dominant tendency of the contemporary stage of international relations is the formation of a multipolar world based on principles of common indivisible security and mutually beneficial equal cooperation. The process of re-shaping the existing geopolitical order is hampered by growing instability both on global and regional levels as well as expansion of conflict hotbeds.

We express deep concern over the growing threats of terrorism and extremism, illegal drug trafficking and other forms of transnational organized crime and call for the build-up of international efforts combating these global challenges and threats. Another task requiring increased attention is international opposition to violent extremism.

Confirming adherence to the goals and principles of the United Nations Charter and other commonly recognized norms of international law, we advocate cooperation between states on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, inviolability of borders, non-aggression, non-interference into internal affairs, non-use of force or the threat of force.

We emphasize the exclusive importance of the 70th Anniversary of the Victory over Fascism in World War II and the formation of the United Nations Organization for comprehending the lessons of history and uniting the efforts of all states in ensuring a safe and worthy life for the peoples of our planet. We call for strengthening the established mechanisms of global governance, first of all the central role of the United Nations and its Security Council being the common asset of the entire humanity.

We believe that expansion and intensification of multilateral dialogue, first of all in the framework of the UN, on issues of economic cooperation, ensuring food, energy and transport security meet the interests of stable and sustainable development of the region.

We confirm respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. We support the efforts of the Government and people of Afghanistan aimed at establishment of a peaceful, stable and prosperous state.

We welcome the aspiration of Middle East and North African nations for restoring stability in their states, creating conditions for improving their lives and setting up broad political domestic dialogue.

We highly appraise the efforts by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the six international mediators with the participation of the European Union aimed at reaching a comprehensive agreement on the settlement of the situation around the Iranian nuclear programme.

We view the SCO as one of the key and effective multilateral platforms for conducting broad dialogue and stand ready for constructive cooperation with all interested states and international organizations in the context of intensifying efforts to counter traditional and new security challenges and threats.

We intend to carry out such work consistently, viewing our primary task in ensuring security and prosperity for the peoples of our countries.