

STATEMENT

BY THE HEADS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 70-TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY OVER FASCISM IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

We, the heads of member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, expressing deep gratitude to the peoples that through enormous human and material losses saved the world from the threat of enslavement and destruction, hereby declare the following.

During the harsh years of the war, the selfless dedication and patriotism of our peoples who ensured the Victory in the Second World War was graphically manifested. The pride of this great feat, memories of the joint struggle and indestructible friendship that became a common heritage of the defense of freedom and independence, serve as a moral compass in the struggle for a just and secure world.

The current generation is internally indebted to those who lost their lives on the battlefield, in the torture chambers and concentration camps. We bow our heads to those fallen in the war and urge to sanctify the memory of them, take care of the war graves and memorial complexes, monuments and obelisks in honor of those killed in the struggle against fascism and militarism during the Second World War.

We express our sincere respect to veterans and home front workers of our countries still alive for their feat of arms and labor accomplished during the Great Patriotic War. It is our duty to continue taking care of them in every way possible.

We highly appreciate the courage and achievements of the Chinese people, who fought heroically in the War of Resistance against Japanese militarism and suffered huge sacrifices for the sake of the Victory in the Second World War.

The SCO member states bow respect to all the peoples of the world who resisted fascism and militarism, and remember their contribution to the common Victory.

The history of the Second World War that swept most of humanity into its fiery orbit, obliges us to do everything possible to prevent the emergence of new deadly and inhumane ideas. We urge to strongly oppose attempts to provide distorted moral and legal assessments of its results and leave the lessons of this human tragedy in oblivion.

Reaffirming their commitment to the fundamental purposes and principles of the UN Charter and principles and norms of international law, the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization call for active cooperation in enhancing the UN authority and role, in forming just and democratic international order, strengthening security and stability in the world, and also for greater efforts in the fight against the challenges and threats and towards political settlement of existing and prevention of potential conflicts.

The member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization will continue to strengthen a comprehensive cooperation with all interested countries and international organizations on the basis of mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, desire for common development, respect for cultural diversity, mutual consultations for the sake of the sustainable peaceful development and progress of all nations.

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