

**PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKMENISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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**STATEMENT**

**Mr. Chairman,  
distinguished heads of delegations,  
ladies, and gentlemen,**

First of all I would like to express sincere gratitude for the honour to address you from this high rostrum and to convey on behalf of the President of Turkmenistan Saparmurat Ataevich Niyazov the best wishes of peace and prosperity to the people of all nations.

The current session has a special value for Turkmenistan which celebrates this year the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the resolution «On Permanent Neutrality of Turkmenistan». President of Turkmenistan Saparmurat Niyazov has proposed this initiative at the 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee session of the United Nations. Turkmenistan values its universally recognized international legal status of permanent neutrality and demonstrates with practical actions the adherence to its international obligations in this regard and to the high ideals of the Community of Nations.

We express deep gratitude to all Member-States of the United Nations, United Nations Secretary-General for constant attention and support of a peaceful foreign policy of our State and its international initiatives.

Being the largest and authoritative international organization of the modern times, and also by virtue of the universality and huge political experience, the United Nations occupies a unique place in system of the international relations. It has a big role in the resolution of the most urgent problems of the modern times.

Today fundamental provisions of the Charter of the United Nations have been further developed in the

Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is a pressing issue that is being considered at the present High-level plenary meeting. Being a party to the main international documents in the area of non-proliferation, our country, neutral status of which provides for such important obligations as not to produce, station and proliferate weapons of mass destruction, fully supports efforts of the international community in this area and participates in their implementation. One of such practical steps is Turkmenistan's active participation under the aegis of the United Nations in the process of establishment of the nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia.

One of the main tasks facing the world community is fighting against illnesses and their prevention. In this direction Turkmenistan, implementing the national program "Health", conducts full-scale cooperation with the United Nations and other international organizations. As a result of such interaction a number of joint projects and programs were implemented which high efficiency is recognized at the international level. Today we completely