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Malta Statement delivered by Mr Darren Camilleri
Political Coordinator of Malta to the United Nations, New York

Thank you, co-facilitators

Malta aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union, and would like to make some additional remarks in its national capacity.

In an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world, the United Nations and its Member States must collaboratively establish shared priorities. They need to work towards their achievement to address the numerous crises in the field of international peace and security.

A united approach is essential to confront violations of the UN Charter and international law, as well as emerging threats such as climate change, terrorism, disinformation, and cybercrime.

Malta emphasises the importance of adherence to the UN Charter, its purposes and principles, and UN resolutions. We will continue to advocate for compliance with disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control agreements, progressing towards a world without nuclear weapons.

Achieving the 2030 Agenda is critical for sustainable development and addressing the root causes of violence and insecurity.

Shared priorities include promoting and maintaining international peace and security through peaceful dispute resolution, refraining from the threat or use of force, conflict prevention, and fostering a culture of peace, diplomacy, and mediation. Confidence-building measures, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, sustaining peace, and countering terrorism in accordance with international law are also paramount.

The Policy Brief by the Secretary-General on the New Agenda for Peace envisions a reformed collective security mechanism through reducing strategic risks, strengthening foresight, reshaping responses to violence, and enhancing financing for peacebuilding and prevention.

Malta supports strengthening the Peacebuilding Commission and expanding its advisory role. Furthermore, adequate, predictable, and sustained financing for peacebuilding, gender responsiveness, and increased investment in crisis prevention are crucial.

The holistic view of prevention should extend beyond traditional peace and security approaches. It should encompass interconnected human rights and development pillars at the UN. Disarmament and arms limitation, core to UN efforts for peace and security, should be reflected in the Summit of the Future.



The New Agenda for Peace offers an opportunity to reinforce UN peacekeeping capacities for rapid responses to emerging crises. Malta endorses this call for networked multilateralism, enabling a more effective and universal approach to peace and security.

Malta remains a strong supporter of gender equality and the protection of women and children in armed conflict. Leaving no one behind is essential, and we commend the Secretary-General for implementing the Women, Peace and Security agenda and promoting women's active participation in disarmament and non-proliferation. We stress that the full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation of women in political and peace processes is crucial.

Turning to artificial intelligence, particularly its military use, Malta emphasises the need for ethical and responsible deployment aligned with international law. Military use of AI must comply with international humanitarian law, be accountable, consider risks and benefits, minimise unintended bias and accidents, and become integral to disarmament efforts.

I conclude, Chair, by reaffirming our belief that cooperation through effective multilateralism remains the best way to advance our collective efforts. Malta remains deeply committed towards an



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effective multilateral system that acts to address contemporary challenges and prevent future ones.

I thank you.