



Security Council Debate, Cooperation between the UN and regional and subregional organisations in maintaining international peace and security, 19 July 2024

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Thank you, President, and I also thank ASG Spehar and the Secretary-General of SCO, the Secretary-General of CSTO, and the Secretary-General of CIS for their remarks.

Malta remains firm in its belief that regional and sub-regional organisations have a crucial role to play in the maintenance of peace and security through their extensive understanding of their region, and their ability to foster dialogue and cooperation.

They are an integral part of the global multilateral architecture, and can help address complex contemporary challenges in a holistic manner. To this end, Malta will continue to advocate for close cooperation between them and the United Nations.

Regrettably, some of the regional organisations that are the subject of this debate have emphasised policies and positions that are inconsistent with the UN Charter.



The armed forces of the Russian Federation form the core of the CSTO. Their role in the illegal aggression against Ukraine, with all the daily atrocities being committed, has stigmatised the Organisation, hampered its credibility, and created an obstacle for its cooperation with the UN.

This is unfortunate. If used to their full potential, regional and sub-regional organisations have a key role to play in combatting organised crime, and in addressing terrorism and violent extremism.

In this context, we also underline that fact that measures taken by Member States or regional organisations to combat terrorism must fully respect obligations under international law, international human rights law, and international humanitarian law.

Conflating terrorism with non-violent political dissent undermines human rights and fundamental freedoms, and global counter-terrorism efforts.



In conclusion, President, Malta encourages the UN to engage with regional and sub-regional organisations to promote the rule of law, and the rights and well-being of all individuals. These include marginalised and groups in vulnerable situations such as women, young persons, LGBTQI+ individuals, religious and ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities.

All voices need to be heard and included to ensure sustained and inclusive peace, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

I thank you.