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Esteemed Mr. President, Permanent Representatives, Co-Facilitators,
Distinguished Colleagues,

Mr. President of the General Assembly, thank you and congratulations to you for choosing again two exceptional women Ambassadors as co-facilitators. Let me congratulate H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar and H.E. Mr. Anna Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden for their appointment as co-facilitators and wish them much success in the preparation of this important Declaration. You can count on Hungary's

commitment and support throughout your work. In diplomacy all the knowledge and multilayered approach will be needed.

Hungary aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union. Nevertheless, in my national capacity I wish to add the following comments.

Co-Facilitators,

The year 2020 is of utmost importance not only for the United Nations but for Hungary as well, since it will be 65th anniversary of our accession to the organization. Throughout more than a half-century, we have been constantly supporting the work of the UN family and we remain committed to the cooperation with the UN and its specialized agencies. As a result of the efforts of the Hungarian Government, Budapest became the regional center of many international organizations and specialized agencies. (UNHCR, FAO, ILO and IFRC.)

Several of them: UNCHR, FAO, UNICEF, IFRC have recently decided to even expand their global service centers in Budapest by relocating additional functions and divisions. Furthermore, in November 2019 an agreement was signed to establish a Regional Programme Support Office for the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in Budapest as well.

More than ever we need to build trust for multilateral thinking. The 75th Anniversary is a great momentum in the United Nations' life, it is a unique opportunity to reiterate our collective attachment to the

Organization and to multilateralism. We agree that we need to make good use of this opportunity. While **recognizing the remarkable achievements** of the UN and demonstrating its unchanged commitment, we need **to focus on the future and respond to the global challenges facing us.**

In order to pay homage to this important occasion a **short political declaration** seems more feasible than a long-negotiated outcome document. In our view, the commemoration should be used to renew our commitment with regard to the **various reform processes of the UN** and to give fresh political impetus.

In line with the UN Decade of Action and the Agenda 2030, we should **highlight that sustainable development** is the path to be followed that leads us to peace and eradication of poverty. Therefore, we must unite our efforts and implement wide range of policies at all levels to promote a world based on solidarity by guaranteeing basic global goods, **protecting democracy and human rights to promote peace.**

Multilateralism and the respect for the sovereignty of states can be **mutually reinforcing** – this should not be a **zero sum game**. The challenges of our time can be dealt by us all together. We must remember that we have more common than diverging interest.

To conclude, it is my great pleasure to announce that Hungary will contribute to the Trust Fund established to support the 75th anniversary commemorative events.

We sincerely hope that with the **common** will of the UN Member States we will have a concise, substantive, forward-looking and unifying declaration – one that means more than just an anniversary. We look forward to the constructive dialogue during the preparatory work.

I thank You.