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On the outcomes of the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan

Madam Chairperson,

We should like to share some of the outcomes of the 16th BRICS Summit, which was held in Kazan from 22 to 24 October.

Delegations from 35 countries and six international organizations took part in the event. Its work was covered by 2,000 journalists from 59 countries. Behind these impressive figures is a tremendous amount of joint work and an abundance of ideas aimed at further strengthening strategic co-operation within the group and its like-minded countries.

As Russian President Vladimir Putin noted in his address, the BRICS countries “share similar aspirations, values and a vision of a new democratic world order that reflects cultural and civilizational diversity”. “Such a system should be guided by the universal principles of respect for the legitimate interests and sovereign choice of nations, respect for international law and a spirit of mutually beneficial, honest co-operation.”

The Russian leader also stated the importance of building an order in which “every nation’s stance and interests are taken into account, their right to sovereign development and their identity are respected, and the absolute value of all cultures, traditions and religions is recognized”. Guided by these considerations, Russia has put forward the idea of creating a system of equal and indivisible security in Eurasia on an inclusive and non-discriminatory basis.

We recommend that the Kazan Declaration adopted at the summit be carefully studied. The multi-page document contains an extensive body of important assessments and approaches looking to the future. Among them is the commitment of the BRICS countries to multilateralism and upholding international law, including the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and to preserving the central role of the United Nations in the international system in which sovereign States co-operate to maintain international peace and security, advance sustainable development, promote and protect democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and co-operate on the basis of solidarity, mutual respect, justice and equality.

Let us hope that after studying the Kazan Declaration, no one in this room will have a sense of hopelessness and professional inferiority. At least, we should like to assure you that this was not our intention.

Thank you for your attention.