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## STATEMENT

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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Dear Madam President,  
Distinguished Heads of delegations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me to greet, on behalf of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the participants of the 61st Session of the United Nations General Assembly and wish the forum a successful work.

While acknowledging the unique and irreplaceable role being played by the United Nations in the international affairs one would have to recognize the necessity of reforming this institution in accordance with present day realities. In this context let me briefly dwell upon our vision of the UN reform issues.

1. It is necessary to significantly increase the efficiency level of the UN administration, which must set before itself the realistic and feasible objectives, and rapidly respond to the challenges and threats. The reform of the Organization must reflect the principles of sovereign equality and non-interference into internal affairs, strengthen the equal cooperation of states, and be based upon the principles of broad international consensus.

2. The General Assembly needs to concentrate on elaboration of constructive ways of addressing the problems of regional and global security, which affect the interests of majority of the UN member-states. A great deal of attention is required to the issues like post-conflict recovery and fight against terrorism. The United Nations should assume a coordinating role in these spheres while leaning upon the support of all member-states. Such an approach will contribute to strengthening the United Nation's ability to meet the contemporary challenges.

3. Reforming the UN Security Council must ensure the fair geographical and regional representation of developed and also developing states whose high prestige deserved international acknowledgment and who play an important role in implementing the main objectives put before the Organization.

4. The international community is about to take a decision on an important task - election of the new UN Secretary General. Considering the principle of rotation and increasing political weight and economic significance of the Asian countries, the Republic of Uzbekistan is fully supportive of the view that a representative of Asia should assume the post of the Secretary General. The Republic of Uzbekistan supports the candidature of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea Mr. Ban Ki-Moon to this high position.

5. The international community remains hopeful on the newly established Human Rights Council, which is called upon to improve the work of the United Nations in the human rights field. It is important not to allow the Council be used as a tool for promoting the interests of certain countries to the detriment of other states. Only by stopping the practice of double standards, politicization and confrontation we can turn this body into the forum for equal and open dialog which could benefit from the trust of all member-states. The work of the Council must be guided by the principles of objective and unprejudiced evaluation of the human rights issues and it must assist to the elaboration of constructive solutions to all emerging problems instead of being used for political purposes.

### **Distinguished Assembly,**

Fundamental changes in the modern world are accompanied by emerging challenges and threats. At present, the terrorism, extremism and drug aggression pose a great danger to sustainable development of states and peoples of the world.

Principal approaches of the Republic of Uzbekistan towards the solution of these and other problems of security are as follows:

1. Uzbekistan firmly supports the United Nations Global Strategy against terrorism, adopted by the General Assembly on 8<sup>th</sup> of September, 2006. Terrorism is not acceptable in any of its forms and manifestations.

The effectiveness and efficiency of the international efforts to fight against terrorism can be guaranteed only by eliminating its sources, first of all, the ideological and extremist centers, which finance and direct the forces of international terrorism, and also by designing common approach on assessment of this most dangerous phenomenon of present day.

2. An effective basis for joint counteraction against the threat of terrorism could become the Universal Convention on international terrorism. This document must be of a non-discriminatory nature, exclude the policy of double standards, and call upon the states for a concerted action in countering the ideologies of extremism.

3. Maintenance of regional and global security cannot be possible without establishing a comprehensive peace and stability in Afghanistan.

One of the effective ways in resolving the Afghan problem and restoring peaceful and neutral Afghanistan must be an efficient and real progress in implementing the concrete projects funded by the international community in social, economic and humanitarian spheres - in the areas, which can affect the life attitude of long-suffering people of Afghanistan.

Fundamental strategy review and more efficient coordination is required in the field of fight against one of the most dangerous problems –drug production and drug trafficking.

4. Uzbekistan, as an initiator of establishing a Nuclear-Weapon- Free-Zone in the region, together with its neighbors, puts utmost efforts towards strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime. On September 8, 2006 in Semipalatinsk the Central Asian states signed the Treaty on creating Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone in Central Asia. Realization of this initiative put forward by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov is a concrete contribution of the states in the region to strengthening the global non-proliferation regime and also in creating a solid system of regional security.

Uzbekistan calls on nuclear powers to join the Protocol on security guarantees, attached to the Treaty on Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone in Central Asia.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to express gratitude to the United Nations for its assistance in realizing this initiative.

### **Dear Madam President,**

Concluding my address, I would like to express my sincere hope that the results of the work of the 61<sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly will contribute to the peaceful development of nations, and also to the successful realization of joint efforts of the UN member-states in the struggle against the threats and challenges to global security.

Thank you.