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Mr. President,  
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Kazakhstan is here today to join efforts with all UN member states and its institutions in insuring **a brighter future both for our Planet and entire humanity**.

Fully supporting the **UN Secretary-General's** endeavors to build a prosperous community of nations, my country commits itself to all three landmark **documents of the Summit of the Future**.

It is obvious that **effective multilateralism** enshrined in the **Pact for the Future** should be central in overcoming today's unprecedented existential challenges and threats.

Therefore, the **current Summit** is a timely call for a **comprehensive reform of the UN system**.

As stated by President Tokayev of Kazakhstan at this rostrum last year, the **voices of Middle Powers** and the **developing world** need to be amplified and heard clearly in the Security Council.

In times of geopolitical turmoil and economic uncertainty the world **needs diplomacy and dialogue**.

Mr. President,

**Climate change** is a global issue that cannot be addressed without multilateral engagement.

Central Asia stands on the **frontline of global warming** and will face an above-average **2.5 degree increase in temperatures by 2050**.

To effectively tackle problems like melting glaciers, water scarcity, biodiversity loss and desertification, my country will host the first **Regional Climate Summit** under the UN auspices in 2026.

In addition, we propose to open the **UN Regional Centre on Sustainable Development** for Central Asia and Afghanistan to further enhance coordination on **SDG deliverables**.

I am confident that with the right support, this idea will serve as a **future role model** for UN development mechanisms.

Furthermore, Kazakhstan calls on all technologically advanced countries to

eliminate **barriers** and commit **necessary resources** to assist **climate-vulnerable communities**.

**Excellencies,**

**Digital transformation** is a driving power of our progress towards the **2030 Agenda**.

Within the next decade about **70% of all global goods and services** will be produced using digital platforms.

The **potential benefits** of these changes depend on **equitable access** to **cutting edge technologies** in all countries.

At the same time, emerging digital solutions, including **Artificial Intelligence**, should not pose a risk to international security.

To this end, being a regional **IT powerhouse**, Kazakhstan has initiated the establishment of the **UN-ESCAP Digital Solutions Centre** to **bridge the digital divide** in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Mr. President,**

Speaking about the future, we must not forget **lessons of the past**.

**Nuclear power**, once invented for the good of humankind, is now the **deadliest weapon of mass destruction**.

Kazakhstan, which directly suffered from nuclear tests, calls on the international community to join our efforts in preventing any **nuclear catastrophe** in the future.

We also encourage **all states** to set aside their political differences and **focus on a new global order** based on mutual trust and respect.

Creating regional nuclear-weapon-free zones, especially in the **Middle East**, would contribute to the noble end – achieving the **world free of the nuclear threats**.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Upholding **human rights** is not merely an aspiration, but a **one of the key components of sustainable development**.

**It is also the best antidote** against inequalities that are often at the root of instability and conflicts.

In accordance with our objective to build a **Just and Fair Kazakhstan**, my country has **abolished the death penalty**, instituted a **zero-tolerance policy** against **torture**, and strengthened its **national preventive mechanism**.

Recently we adopted national legislation to **combat domestic violence**.

**President Tokayev's large-scale reform agenda** is firmly based on the principles of **rule of law, good governance** as well as **inclusive social and economic** development.

In essence, **respect for fundamental human rights** is the highest priority for us.

**Excellencies,**

We have a unique chance to **advance our shared vision** for equitable, stable and peaceful future for generations to come.

There is **no alternative** to the world based on the **UN Charter** and **principles of international law**.

Let us work together in the spirit of **open, constructive engagement** and **true multilateralism**.

**I thank you.**