

**Statement by the Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Collective
Security Treaty Organisation on the 75th Anniversary of Victory in the Great
Patriotic War**

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Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945, which predetermined the outcome of World War II, was a crucial event in modern history that created the foundation for a new international order aimed at preventing future catastrophes of this scale and at ensuring a peaceful development and progress in the interests of all humankind.

It is with deepest gratitude that we remember the courage and valiance of all those who gave their lives for the freedom of future generations.

Any distortion of the historical truth about those events demeans the memory of those who had suffered the cruelty of the war. Such abominable actions, including the war on monuments, are essentially destructive and conducive to manipulation and erosion of the foundations of modern international relations. Any attempts to rewrite history and misinterpretation of the events that had led to the world war are hindering the awareness of and response to the challenges and threats facing all of us and are fraught with a repetition of the tragic mistakes made in the past. In this connection, we welcome the UN General Assembly resolution on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which was adopted on December 18, 2019.

We underscore the importance of holding a special solemn meeting of the UN General Assembly marking the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

It is our sacred duty to preserve for the current and future generations the truth about our common struggle for liberating the world from Nazism and to preclude a

revival of the ideology of hatred, extremism, discrimination on ethnic, racial and religious grounds, as well as any other inhuman acts.

While remembering the lessons of the past war, we believe that today the international community must work together to prevent the world from sliding closer to the red line. We regard as important the initiatives of the CSTO member states aimed at maintaining and strengthening the global architecture of security and stability.