

Qatar

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Mr President,

I would like to begin by congratulating Estonia on assuming the presidency of the Security Council this month and we appreciate the initiative to convene this timely meeting.

Mr President,

Since the end of World War II, our world has experienced many changes, the basic principles however have not changed. Commitment to international law, friendly relations between states, respect for their sovereignty, and the peaceful settlement of disputes have been and still are necessary to spare humanity enormous suffering. These and other

principles of the Charter of the United Nations have gained renewed importance. It is imperative that they be respected and promoted if we are to avoid a relapse into the dark past. These principles constitute the basic pillars of the foreign policy of the State of Qatar. In this spirit, my country is committed to the United Nations as the most prominent platform for cooperation and multilateralism that the world desperately needs today, at a time when humanity faces the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic in an unprecedented test of how to address common challenges by promoting international cooperation for the benefit of mankind.

Contrary to this vision, some have resorted to the approach of undermining cooperation and solidarity among brotherly and neighbouring countries, with all its destabilizing implications on regional and international peace and security. Such an approach is embodied in the unjust illegal blockade imposed on my country, Qatar, for more than three years now without any justification, in blatant contravention of the Charter of the United Nations. 23 May 2020 will mark the third anniversary of the cyber piracy crime that has been the prelude to this fabricated crisis against my country. In the spirit of the desired goal of this important meeting, confronting policies that undermine international peace and security should constitute a priority for the international community and institutions entrusted with this task, notably the Security Council by virtue of its mandate under the UN Charter. Such missions are all the more necessary since the world faces the unprecedented threats posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which requires cooperation, concerted efforts, and setting aside differences for the collective good.

Mr President,

The fact that the commemoration of the end of World War II coincides with the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations each year should be a continuous reminder of the central mission of the United Nations, which is the pursuit of the common good of all people. The words “we the peoples” must remain at the centre of our efforts to revitalize our international organization on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

I thank you, Mr President.