

Submission by GEORGIA
On priorities for the proposed New Agenda for Peace

Alarming, after more than 75 years since founding of the United Nations, we still live in a world where the main principles of international law enshrined in the UN Charter - principles of sovereign equality of states, non-use of threat or force against the territorial integrity and non-interference into the internal affairs are violated on a daily basis.

As stated during the thematic consultations at the “Our Common Agenda” earlier in 2022, Georgia views the UN Secretary General’s suggested New Agenda for Peace in line with the commitment 3 of the UN75 Declaration, as a much-needed opportunity to promote peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen the framework for a peaceful world.

Georgia strongly believes that an ambitious New Agenda for Peace must rest upon the reinforced commitment to fundamental principles of international law and the UN Charter, and the better protection and realization of human rights. Sustaining peace can be achieved only by Member States’ strong adherence to the principles of the UN Charter and presence of strong accountability.

While the proposed New Agenda for Peace potentially focuses on six core areas – Georgia would welcome the Agenda’s broader focus and bold actions on peaceful conflict resolution as it has paramount importance for ensuring peace and stability, including in the Eastern European region.

New Agenda for Peace should put a strong focus on prevention. It should advance a comprehensive and integrated approach to peace and security and better equip Member States to tackle compounding threats and challenges, such as climate change, organized crime, cyber-related risks, terrorism, disinformation, etc. It should also reinforce the Women, Peace and Security agenda, increasing equal and meaningful participation of women in all stages of peace processes.

Georgia stands ready to stay further actively engaged in the consultation process over the development of the New Agenda for Peace.