Statement by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,

I am pleased to once again greet this high-level meeting on security issues.

I commend the Russian Federation for continuing this important initiative and I welcome this

These are critical challenges. Improving our understanding of the links among them, and developing common approaches to addressing them, are essential in the face of multifaceted transnational threats and an increasingly complex global peace and security environment.

The United Nations will continue pursuing a surge in diplomacy for peace, with greater attention to conflict prevention, mediation and conflict resolution. We are also strengthening our efforts against terrorism, violent extremism, hate speech and intolerance. We are equally committed to supporting countries in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Yet, our advances are at risk of being undermined by the worsening impacts of climate change. The global climate emergency is an existential threat, affecting security and development alike. We need stronger political will to address it. We have no time to lose. To mobilize ambition, solutions, partnerships and finance, I am convening a Climate Action Summit in September. I have asked leaders to bring concrete plans.

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opportunities for progress. I count on your engagement and wish you a fruitful meeting

I thank you for your attention.