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Letter dated 9 February 2026 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Doha Declaration of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (see annex), which was adopted at the end of the meeting of the Council, hosted by the State of Qatar and convened in Doha, on 7 December 2025, under the chairmanship of the President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, Han Seung-soo.

I would highly appreciate the circulation of the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 123.

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Ambassador
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2025 Doha Declaration of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly

Doha, Qatar

7 December 2025

1. The Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (UNCPGA) convened in Doha on 7 December 2025, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Han Seung-soo, President of the 56th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The meeting was attended by 13 Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly.
2. The Council of Presidents of the UN General Assembly expresses its grave concern about the current crisis of multilateralism and its growing negative impact on the role and relevance of the United Nations. The ongoing critical financial crisis of the Organization is a further cause of serious concern.
3. UNCPGA therefore reiterates its call for a far-reaching and comprehensive reform of the United Nations to make it “fit for purpose” to address the multifaceted challenges and foreseeable risks of the 21st Century.
4. The UNCPGA considered the following principles to be essential for the restoration of the credibility and relevance of the United Nations as a basis of any UN reform.
 - I. Any reform of the United Nations must be based on the well-established principle on the indivisibility of peace, security, development, and human rights.
 - II. International law: The UN Charter must remain the foundation of international law and order for the 21st Century and must be universally upheld.
 - III. Peace and security: The primary role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security must be fully restored, including its role as the principal actor in preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peacekeeping, and post-conflict peacebuilding within the framework of Chapter VI and Chapter VII of the UN Charter.
 - IV. Economic and social development: The UN must promote and remain the essential platform for multilateral cooperation for sustainability transition.
 - V. Human rights: The role of the UN must be strengthened in promotion and implementation of and accountability for fundamental human rights at global, regional, and national levels.
 - VI. Humanitarian action: The UN must remain a central player in humanitarian action wherever it is urgently needed, and its institutions, practices, norms, and personnel must be protected and their actions facilitated.
 - VII. Climate change: The UN must vigorously promote the implementation of the goals agreed in the Paris Agreement of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

VIII. The principal organs of the UN: The role of the UN General Assembly as the most democratic, inclusive, and transparent principal UN organ must be enhanced. The reform of the UN Security Council must be urgently accelerated and agreed upon within an agreed time frame. In the meantime, the UNSC should fulfill its obligations under the UN Charter. The role and responsibility of the UN Secretary-General in leading the UN, particularly in the maintenance of international peace and security, should be enhanced.

5. UNCPGA welcomes the recent joint letter of the President of the UN General Assembly and the President of the UN Security Council announcing the initiation of the procedure for the selection of the next UN Secretary-General, and expects the process will be undertaken in a fully transparent, democratic and inclusive manner in line with the broad expectations of all UN Member States and civil society around the world. In this context, the UNCPGA further welcomes the adoption by the UN General Assembly of additional procedures on the selection of the UN Secretary-General, including an enhanced role for the President of the UN General Assembly, as recommended by the UNCPGA Bratislava Declaration of April 2025. In light of the rich experience of its members in the selection process of previous UN Secretaries-General, UNCPGA pledges its full support to the President of the UN General Assembly with regard to the selection process for the next UN Secretary-General, and welcomes the emphasis placed by her on prioritizing favorable consideration of the most competent women candidates for this position.

6. The Council of Presidents of the UN General Assembly expressed its sincere appreciation to its outgoing Chair, H.E. Dr Han Seung-soo, and outgoing Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, for their illustrious leadership in revitalizing and institutionalizing UNCPGA over the past three years as a pre-eminent UN Leadership Forum. In recognition of their outstanding contribution, UNCPGA further conferred upon them the title of Honorary Chair and Honorary Vice-Chair, respectively.

7. UNCPGA unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the 66th UN General Assembly Session, as its new Chair and H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the 73rd UN General Assembly Session, as its new Vice-Chair, effective January 1, 2026.

8. The Council of Presidents of the UN General Assembly expresses its sincere appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, and to its esteemed Government for generously hosting its meeting within the framework of the annual Doha Forum. UNCPGA appreciates the opportunity to convene its meeting in Doha for the second time. UNCPGA further expresses its appreciation to the State of Qatar for its strong commitment to the United Nations and its valuable role in mediating and resolving conflicts around the world, and in advancing multilateral diplomacy, including through the annual meetings of the Doha Forum. Qatar's critical role in promoting international peace and security is well reflected in the theme of the current Doha Forum, "Diplomacy, Dialogue and Diversity".

9. The Council of Presidents of the UN General Assembly agreed to continue their discussions at their forthcoming meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 14-15 December 2025, which will focus on regional conflicts, particularly the situations in Gaza/Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, and Sudan, as well as on Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).