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Президенті

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Dear Secretary-General,

Kazakhstan deeply values its long-standing partnership with the United Nations. I am sincerely grateful for your unwavering support for my country and for the personal attention you have given to our cooperation. Your engagement has been decisive in advancing initiatives that Kazakhstan has long championed. We will continue to support the indispensable role of the United Nations in safeguarding peace, enhancing international cooperation and fostering sustainable development worldwide.

Humanity faces a myriad of global challenges that can only be solved by working together in common cause. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a shared framework for that effort.

Since its adoption, Kazakhstan has been firmly committed to achieving all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

As Member States prepare for the 2027 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, we wish to make a practical contribution to that exchange.

In this spirit, Kazakhstan supported the creation of the Astana Group of Experts on the Post-2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. This idea grew out of two high-level international conferences on sustainable development held in Astana and was formally established on 29 May 2026.

The Group brings together experts from government, academia, business and international organizations across a wide range of countries. Its members review progress towards the SDGs, identify approaches that other countries could adapt and develop practical recommendations for the period beyond 2030.

His Excellency
Mr. António Guterres
United Nations Secretary-General

New York

The Group was first introduced in New York on 15 July 2026 at a side event of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. It will hold its next meeting in Geneva on 26 November 2026 with the participation of United Nations officials, senior government envoys, diplomats and leading experts in sustainable development.

I would be most grateful for your support in establishing a regular dialogue between the Astana Group and the United Nations ahead of the 2027 SDG Summit and in sustaining this platform thereafter.

In particular, we would appreciate the assistance of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in identifying the opportunities for the Astana Group to present its recommendations.

Kazakhstan would also welcome the Secretariat's guidance on the steps the Astana Group would need to take to apply, in due course, for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

We look forward to working closely with you and all Member States to ensure that our shared goals beyond 2030 reflect the aspirations of future generations.

I very much hope this proposal will receive your favourable consideration.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev