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**CENTRAL ASIA A [REDACTED] UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO BUILD BRIDGES IN DIVIDED WORLD, SECRETARY-GENERAL TELLS REGION'S HEADS OF STATE AT MEETING**

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Following is the text of UN Secretary-General António Guterres video message to the Fifth Consultative Meeting of Heads of State of Central Asia, in Dushanbe today:

Excellencies, I send my warmest greetings to this Meeting of Heads of State of Central Asia. Your region is a crossroads. In a divided world, you are uniquely positioned to build bridges of mutual understanding and contribute to addressing humanity's challenges – from peace and security to the climate crisis and sustainable development.

This meeting, and the growing platforms of cooperation in Central Asia, highlight your strong commitment to dialogue and regional partnership. Cooperation between neighbours is essential to effective climate action, countering transnational threats, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and building inclusive economies and societies.

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