INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
by the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation
on behalf of the Member States
of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
at the plenary meeting of the 69th session of the UN General Assembly
under agenda item 123 (w) "Cooperation between the United Nations and the
Shanghai Cooperation Organization"

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At the outset, I would like to welcome the recent Secretary-General's report on
the cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,
which provides us with an insight into the latest developments in this important area
of the UN activities.

Today on behalf of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation
Organization – the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the
Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic
of Uzbekistan – I have the honor to introduce a draft resolution entitled "Cooperation
between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization". The draft is
based on previous General Assembly Resolutions 64/183 of 18 December 2009,

Over the last few years the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has become a
cornerstone of regional security in all its dimensions. Its activities are aimed at
promoting mutual trust, encouraging cooperation in economy, education, energy,
environment, information security and other fields. Our member states considerably
contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security.

The Organization promotes effective counter-terrorism cooperation, including
through its Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, fight against drug trafficking and other
types of transnational crime. We are making a significant contribution to stabilization
efforts in neighboring Afghanistan.

The draft before you is the outcome of informal consultations convened by the
Russian Federation in its capacity as the current Chair of the Organization. We would
like to thank all delegations that participated and worked constructively for the benefit
of further strengthening the existing ties between the United Nations and the Shanghai
Cooperation organization.