

i now give the floor to his excellency circuit level minister of foreign affairs of the russian federation

Lavrov:

i'm glad to have the opportunity to speak from the podium of the united nations general assembly the fact that we have gathered in this hall once again symbolizes our collective willingness to resume the normal communication that had been suspended after the onset of the covid 19 pandemic essentially we have no other option as the broad corporation at the united nations is particularly relevant now when the number of problems on the international agenda is increasing increasing the range of cross-border threats is expanding to numerous regional hot spots of tension have a substantial potential to destabilize the might is right approach is being applied instead of right is might instead of international law with increasing frequency there is no consensus amongst the leading powers to the principles of the world order for russia it is obvious that one can only effectively counter threats and challenges through concerted efforts in strict compliance with the universally recognized norms of international law first and foremost the purposes and principles of the un charter this global organization should play a central coordinating role in world politics fully unleashing its potential of universal multilateralism and legitimacy recently we have been witnessing persistent attempts to diminish the un's role in resolving the key problems of today or to sideline it or to make it a malleable tool for promoting someone's selfish interests such attempts are clearly visible in the so-called rules-based order concept that the west is persistently introducing to political discourse as opposed to international law naturally no one can be opposed to rules as such after all this is exactly what the un charter is a set of rules these are however rules that have been approved by all countries of the world similarly any new norms governing international interaction must be agreed upon at universal platforms above all here on the other hand when they are established behind the closed doors in circumvention of this universal organization then they cannot be fully legitimate by shifting the discussion on key issues to formats that suit it best the west wants to exclude those who have their own different point of view from global decision-making processes following the same logic germany and france have recently announced the creation of the alliance for multilateralism even though what kind of structure could be more multilateral than the united nations berlin and paris however have decided that there are many conservatives at the un hindering the efforts of the vanguard they have proclaimed that the european union to be the epitome of effective multilateralism and all others are supposed to emulate it this is a recent example too the us administration has come up with the idea to convene a summit for democracy it goes without saying that washington is going to choose the participants by itself thus hijacking the right to decide to what degree a country meets the standards of democracy essentially this initiative is quite in the spirit of a cold war as it declares a new ideological crusade against all dissenters it is noteworthy that this policy is being implemented against the backdrop of president biden's words at the u.s is not seeking a world divided into opposing blocs in fact though the summit for democracy will be a stepped towards dividing the global community into us and then it is also telling that while it declares the primacy of democracy and its relations with all partners washington is only concerned with a domestic situation in relevant countries when it comes to establishing democracy in international relations the us as well as its allies quickly loses any interest in the discussion because no one

does encroach on the authority of nato and the eu these are the rules president biden has recently announced the rejection of military methods used to as he put it remake other countries we expect the us to take one step further and reject any other methods of imposing their development model on others not only military ones the rules based order is founded on double standards when it serves the west's interests people's right to self-determination is an absolute in such cases an artificial created entity of kosovo earlier forcefully seized from a european country serbia is recognized as an independent state in violation of security council resolution without any referendums it doesn't without any referendums it doesn't bother anyone that the malvinas are 12 000 kilometers away from great britain that that paris and london still control despite un and icj decisions they're former colonies and have no intention of giving them freedom on the other hand when the right to self-determination runs counter to the west's geopolitical interests as it did in the case of the people of crimea's expression of free will at the 2014 referendum on the peninsula's reunification with russia it forgets all about it and in and introduces illegitimate sanctions for the exercise of this right the reason is simple the crimeans were saving themselves from the ultra-radicals who were behind the coup in ukraine supported by the west which means that since the good guys came to power in kiev they are accorded by western rules to be protected and escalated in the same vein of a rules-based order the u.s preserves the obsolete obsolete trade embargo against cuba and strives to impose its will on the peoples of venezuela and nicaragua in flagon violation of the charter-based principles of non-interference into internal affairs of sovereign states the use of unilateral restrictive measures undermines the prerogatives of the security council and runs counter to the un secretary general's call recently to suspend them at least for the period of the pandemic a number of countries efforts to re-write the history of world war ii are also intended to dilute the u.n centric world order eu and nato member states refused to support the general assembly's resolution on the inadmissibility of glorification of nazism they reject proposals to condemn the practice of destroying monuments to those who liberated europe from the brown plague instilling a rules-based order rather than ensuring unconditional compliance with international law is fraught with the risks of a dangerous relapse into block policy and creation of dividing lines this time between a group of western countries and the rest of the world however recent events have shown that such voluntary rules can be applied inside the western bloc as well as if one of its members becomes if one of its members becomes too independent at least many world media have perceived the plot plot twist of the story around supplying submarines to australia as a response to talk of europe's strategic autonomy that has intensified after the us's hasty withdrawal from afghanistan the chaotic nature of this withdrawal is further demonstration of the rules upon which the west is going to build its world order we are convinced that it is time to draw lessons from the dangerous repercussions of policy aimed at undermining the u.n centric architecture that was shaped in the aftermath of world war ii and has repeatedly proven a reliable insurance against disastrous scenarios in the face of global challenges the world needs unity rather than a new divide russia strongly advocates for rejecting any confrontation and stereotypes for joining efforts to solve the key tasks of development and mankind's survival mankind survival we have enough instruments for this first and foremost this is the u.n and its security council that needs to be adapted to the reality of a poly central polycentric world order by enlarging it with increased representation of asia africa and latin america the un security council permanent members that according to the un charter bear a special responsibility before the organization can and must encourage genuine collective action president putin has proposed to convene a p5 summit to have a frank discussion on global stability issues great expectations

are also linked with a prospect of the russian-american dialogue on the future of arms control the start of which was agreed upon at the russian american summit in geneva where there is good will finding a mutually acceptable solution is very realistic the world was encouraged when the new u.s administration agreed to our proposal to extend the new strategic arms reduction treaty without any preconditions of great importance was the fact that the russian and u.s president's joint statement reaffirmed the commitment to the principle according to which there can be no winners in a nuclear war and one must never be fought a responsible approach is also needed in other spheres of strategic stability after washing washington's withdrawal from the inf treaty russia has made a unilateral commitment not to deploy land-based intermediate range or short-range missiles both nuclear and non-nuclear in regions where no similar us-made weapons would appear we continue to await nato members response to our proposal to proclaim a similar moratorium reinforced and i'd like to emphasize emphasize this with mutual verification measures amongst new challenges and threats we also see state's intention to militarize the internet and unleash a cyber arms race russia advocates for agreeing at the u.n upon ways to ensure international information security the process here should not be based on someone's special rules but rather on universal agreements allowing to examine any concerns in a transparent manner relying on facts this is the aim of our initiative to elaborate standard norms for states responsible behavior in the use of icts and are preparing universal convention a universal convention on combating cyber crime along with this digital space some countries view outer space as an arena for confrontation we deem it to be a dangerous trend and propose to prohibit placement of weapons in outer space and the threat or use of force in it the relevant russian chinese draft treaty remains on the table of the conference on disarmament russia consistently puts forward initiatives on other issues requiring concerted action today 20 years after the atrocious terrorist acts in new york president putin's call to form a broad anti-terrorist coalition without double standards on the basis of international law is more relevant than ever we are waste awaiting the response a response to the russia initiative to elaborate a convention on the suppression of acts of chemical and biological terrorism only one can only make progress in resolving regional conflicts by acting on the basis of international law by involving all stakeholders in afghanistan syria libya yemen and in other hot spots all external actors have to show an understanding of the cultural and civilizational specifics of society rejecting politician politicization of humanitarian assistance and assisting the creation of broadly representative bodies of authority that would involve all major ethnic religious and political forces of the relevant countries guided by such an approach russia has been constructively engaged in the promotion of the afghan settlement via the extended troika and the moscow format and has been contributing to stabilizing the situation in syria within the framework of the astana process and has been working with all libyan parties to implement political reforms the processes underway in the middle east should not sideline the task of reaching a sustainable palestinian-israeli settlement within the internationally recognized international legal framework providing for the creation of an independent and viable palestinian state co-existing in peace with israel we advocate for the re-launch of direct negotiations between israelis and palestinians for galvanizing the role of the quartet of international mediators in coordination with the league of arab states russia continues to contribute to the normalization of relations between iran and its arab neighbors together with our partners we see the soonest we seek the soonest possible resumption of a full implementation of the jcpoa unsettling the situation around the iranian nuclear programme a holistic approach is required to stabilize the entire region in the long

term this is the objective of the updated russian concept of collective security in the persian gulf that has been recently circulated as a security council and general assembly document in the context of searching for ways to overcome regional crises we are ready to share russia's unique experience of peaceful coexistence of different civilizations religions and cultures we expect the world conference on intercultural and interfaith dialogue that will take place in saint petersburg in may 16 16 to 18th of may 2022 to produce substantial results the conference is enjoys the support of the u.n secretary general and the leadership of the inter-parliamentary union today the significance of humanitarian socio-economic and environmental dimensions of un work is burgeoning it is essential to avoid the temptation to turn these spheres into yet another arena for geopolitical games and unfair competition covert 19 is our common enemy it is in the interests of prompt lifting of restrictions on international travel we support mutual recognition of vaccines that have been approved by national oversight bodies it is vitally important not to cease efforts aimed at implementing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development we reckon that the decisions adopted at the recent un food systems summit will promote the achievement of the sdgs we stand for strengthening the central role of the united nations in building the agenda for environmental protection on the basis of equality and respect for each other's interests including do account given to social economic realia otherwise it'd be hard to mobilize all states towards reaching global climate goals the work of all mechanisms that can impact the efficiency of the global governments should be tuned to searching for a balance of interests the capacity of such an inclusive association as the g20 which brings together the old and the new dynamically developing global centers such as bricks and the like-minded others should be used to its maximum too it was with great interest that we heard of the global depart development initiative proposed by president of china xi jinping that resonates with our own approaches russia together with partners and allies supports strengthening a mutually reinforcing network of violences through developing into integrative processes within the cis e a eu csto and the sco the initiative of president vladimir putin to create a great eur asian partnership that should also engage asean the key actor defining the norms of behavior in asia pacific is also positive in general the regional regional dimension of the world development is gaining momentum which will depend on whether we prove able to re-channel the growing rivalry between regions onto a constructive track who is more important europe or asia the indian or the pacific ocean is a latin american european union going to be established why make africa an arena for confrontation the u.n charter has chapter eight which is dedicated to relations with regional organizations based on it the secretary general annie annually brings such organizations together to host an exchange of opinions on issues of global politics we believe it has been very useful to make the next step in this format and use it to draft some proposals of how to harmonize regional aspirations in order to give maximum broad and effective global responses to the challenges of our time we're all in the same boat it falls within our shared interests to make sure that the boat stays safely afloat on the waves of global politics we're all different but this must not borrow some working for the benefit of our nations and the entire humanity itself it is the only way that we may be able to fulfill the honorable mission of the united nations save this generation from the scourge of war and succeeding generations too from war hunger and disease build a more peaceful day stable and democratic future for all in conclusion let me propose a hashtag un charter is our rules thank you for your attention.

i thank the foreign minister of the russian federation for his statement we have heard the last speaker in the general debate for this meeting the 15th federal meeting to continue with the general debate will begin at 3 pm