mr president uh deputy secretary general excellencies ladies and gentlemen may god's blessings be upon you it is my honor to take this opportunity to present to you the statement by the custodian of the two holy mosques king salman bin abdul aziz king of saudi arabia and president of the council of ministers of the kingdom of saudi arabia at this session of the general assembly thank you sir in the name of god the merciful the compassionate majesties excellencies your excellency president of the general

assembly of the united nations your excellency secretary general ladies and gentlemen may god's blessings be upon you allah me at the outset to congratulate his excellency abdullah shahid on his election as president of this 76th session of the general assembly of the united nations i wish him success in his mandate i should also like to express thanks to his excellency mr vulcan bosqueer for his efforts during his presidency of the previous session allow me to praise his excellency the secretary general

and congratulate him on his reappointment to a second mandate let me praise the excellent efforts he is making to improve the effectiveness of united nations institutions in order to achieve the objectives of our charter mr president the kingdom of saudi arabia is a founder member of the united nations organization since signing the san francisco charter with its purposes and objectives which is aimed at maintaining international peace and security the peaceful settlement of disputes respect of sovereignty and dependence and

non-interference

in

internal affairs

has been committed to these objectives

the

challenges confronting the international

community today

require

strengthening multilateral international

cooperation

the kovaid pandemic

has shown

that the road to a sustainable recovery

goes through

collaboration between all of us in a

collective framework the uh kingdom has

had a vital role in leading the world

response to the pandemic through its presidency of the g2 the kingdom has supported international efforts to confront the pandemic with the sum of 5 in addition to 3 to assist states in confronting the pandemic despite our economic difficulties the kingdom of saudi arabia continues to be committed to its developmental and humanitarian role in assisting the most needy states and the most uh uh affected states to confront national uh natural catastrophes and humanitarian

crises

we are the

largest

donor state

in terms of humanitarian and development assistance at the arab and islamic level in 2 donors internationally the kingdom is keen to see a recovery in the international economy this is clear in the uh pioneering efforts made by the kingdom in cooperation with our partners in opec plus in the g2 order to confront the repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic as well as to ensure stability of

world oil

markets their stability and oil supplies

in order to

uh protect the interests of consumers

and producers alike the kingdom realizes

the importance of concerted efforts

in

joint

efforts to confront

climate change and its repercussions the

kingdom

has

made qualitative initiatives in the

region and in the world

foremost being the green saudi

initiative

the

green middle east initiative the cyclical carbon economy initiative which should have an effective role in achieving international objectives in these fields the uh basis of the 2 kingdom is prosperity and a better future we want our economy to be a pioneering one we want our society to interact with all of the world we have come a long way in the five years since this vision was put forward in supporting a local industry

in developing infrastructure ict infrastructure in finding solutions for energy and in investing in many fields in addition to enabling women and youth and improving the lives of all proceeding from this the foreign policy of the kingdom gives utter priority to entrenching peace security and stability and to supporting dialogue and peaceful solutions we want to set up conditions conducive for development and ones that achieve the aspirations of peoples for a better future in the

middle east and in the entire world this

is clear in the efforts made by the

kingdom

in sponsoring the agreements between the

members of the gcc states

our effective

participation in the

group of friends of sudan our support to

iraq in its efforts

to recover

its position in the world the

kingdom strongly supports efforts

to find a binding peaceful solution to

the problem of the renaissance dam

that

uh

protects the rights uh uh to water for

both egypt and the sudan we support peaceful solutions under the aegis of the united nations to the crises in libya and syria as well as all efforts aimed at achieving peace and stability in afghanistan the aspirations of the afghan people and ensuring the rights of all sectors of its society mr president we stress that peace is the strategic choice of the middle east region

which goes through a just durable

solution to the question of palestine

based

on the resolutions of international

legitimacy the arab peace initiative which ensure the right of the palestinian people to set up its independent state on the uh borders of 1967 with east jerusalem as its capital the peace initiative in yemen tabled by the kingdom last march ought to end the bloodshed and conflict it ought to put an end to the suffering of the brotherly yemeni people unfortunately the terrorist houthi militias reject peaceful solutions they have placed their bets on a

military option

to take over more territory in yemen they daily attack civilian targets inside the kingdom they threaten international navigation and international energy supplies the houthi militias abuse the suffering of the yemeni people they need urgent need for humanitarian assistance the dangers emanating from the deteriorating safer tanker as means to barter and blackmail mr president the uh kingdom is fully committed to the principles and resolutions of international legitimacy we respect

the national sovereignty of all states we stress the need for non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states the kingdom maintains its legitimate right to defend itself in confronting the missile attacks ballistic missile attacks drone attacks

booby-trapped boats against our kingdom

we

categorically reject any attempt to

interfere

in our internal affairs

iran

is a neighboring state

we hope that our initial talks with iran will lead to concrete confidence building measures measures that will achieve the aspirations of our two peoples for collaborative relations based on the commitment to the principles and the resolutions of international legitimacy the respect of sovereignty the non-interference in the internal affairs of others and an end of all forms of support

to

terrorist groups and sectarian militias that only bring war destruction and suffering to the peoples of the area the kingdom stresses the importance of making the middle east and a region free of all weapons of mass destruction we therefore support international efforts aimed at preventing iran from developing a nuclear weapon we are very concerned at iranian steps that go counter to its commitments

as well as daily declarations from iran that its nuclear program is peaceful the kingdom continues to confront extremist thinking based on hatred and exclusion we confront the practices of terrorist groups and sectarian militias that destroy humans and nations this kingdom stresses the need to confrontly to robustly confront all those who support sponsor finance or shelter

terrorist groups and sectarian militias or use them to spread chaos destruction hegemony and thank you and may god's blessings be upon us

on behalf of the general assembly i wish to thank the custodian of the two holy mosques king of saudi arabia president of the council of ministers of the kingdom of saudi arabia for the statement just made you