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In recent years **integration processes** in all regions of the world have become an important factor of sustainable development, peace and security. The region of Eurasia is not an exception in this regard. Less than a month ago, at the Security Council meeting we discussed how we could better promote and make use of effective partnerships between the United Nations and three regional Eurasian organisations, including Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

As an observer in the SCO, Belarus attaches particular importance to the fact that this organisation **deals with a broad range of issues**, including security, development, humanitarian and cultural cooperation. To us, such multifaceted approach reflects our common understanding of **indivisibility of peace, security and development**.

Belarus is eager to develop cooperation with the SCO in all these spheres. Just recently, the Prime Minister of Belarus Andrei Kobyakov underscored this interest during the meeting of the heads of government of the SCO states in Bishkek.

Regional cooperation within SCO and other organisations logically leads us to the idea of broader **cooperation of integration entities**. In this regard, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation by its nature and logic of development is a body that can greatly contribute to the **convergence of different integration processes**. We are pleased that it is already happening in practice. One example would be cooperation in the field of security between the SCO Regional Antiterrorist Structure and Collective Security Treaty Organisation.

We would equally welcome cooperation between the SCO and another important regional integration actor – the **Eurasian Economic Union**. Belarus believes that these two important bodies should join their efforts in proving the relevance of the idea of **integration of integrations**.

Already today, there are various initiatives that prove that such pattern of cooperation has a promising future. Last month, Belarus and UN Economic Commission for Europe held a joint conference in Minsk to examine regional and cross-regional integration perspectives for sustainable development. A few weeks ago, a meeting in Riga of heads of government of Central and Eastern European countries and China also showed possibilities of such interregional dialogue.

I am grateful to the Secretary-General of the SCO and to the Kazakhstan chairmanship for the kind invitation to participate in today's dialogue. I am sure that such events prove that different regional organisations are not merely observers of the UN life but are important partners in our collective work on the most topical issues.