



1.) China and Russia, being two permanent members of the UN Security Council, share unique responsibilities for maintaining global peace and security. Their role in enhancing the SCO's authority and effectiveness is very positive, and therefore makes the SCO an intriguing subject for some in the West.

The 10th annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) concluded **on 11 June 2010** with a declaration pledging to build an effective and open multilateral organization dedicated to regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Nowadays, as security threats and challenges continue to emerge, SCO members should further enhance their cooperation in fighting all forms of terrorism and strengthen dialogue between different civilizations and cultures so as to prevent the growth of terrorism and extremism.

2.) The foremost role of the SCO is to serve as a common platform for coordinating efforts in countering transborder challenges and threats with the aim of strengthening security and stability in the Eurasian space. We are capable of achieving this task by promoting multifaceted, long-term cooperation based on a prevailing principle: together we are more effective, and united we are stronger – by combining our resources we can ensure a better, safer life for our citizens.

3.) The SCO is concerned that the scale and acuteness of threats of terrorism, separatism, and extremism are not diminishing. That is why the sphere of security is a top priority. Cooperation in this field will be intensifying. All six members of the SCO are determined to prevent terrorists and extremists of different kinds from destabilizing the situation in the region. Within the SCO we always stress that terrorism has nothing to do with specific faiths. The fight against international terrorism should not spill over into hostility against any particular religion and definitely not transform into islamophobia.

5.) The declaration stressed that Central Asia's initiative to build a nuclear-free zone is not only an important step in promoting regional peace and security but also will contribute greatly to regional and global peace and security.

The unrestricted deployment of anti-missile systems will possibly become a destabilizing factor menacing global security and may lead to the proliferation of missile weapons, the declaration warned.

The declaration concluded that the SCO will carry on the spirit of peace, common development, cooperation on an equal footing, mutual respect and tolerance, and further strengthen its dialogue and cooperation with the international community to make great contribution to regional and global peace, stability and prosperity.