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I offer my warmest greetings and felicitations to the Governments and the peoples of the SAARC Member States, on the auspicious occasion of 40th anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). I also register my deep appreciation to the SAARC Secretary-General, members of the Secretariat and all associates of the institutions affiliated with SAARC for their steadfast dedication to regional unity and collaboration.

The SAARC Charter, adopted in Dhaka on 8 December 1985, set the stage for a golden opportunity of cooperation and socio-economic advancement among the South Asian countries. In number of areas, including environmental preservation, disaster preparedness, public health, and poverty alleviation, SAARC has made outstanding contributions to the region. It has given us a forum to discuss common issues, encouraging collaboration and trust building among our countries. SAARC's position is becoming increasingly important in the face of complicated global concerns including food security, economic inequality, and climate change.

As we commemorate this milestone, Bangladesh reaffirms its commitment to the ideals of SAARC. We are confident that our joint efforts can overcome the challenges before us, create economic opportunities for all, and bring about sustainable development across the region. We must work together with renewed determination to address pressing global issues and enhance the well-being of all South Asians:

On this momentous occasion of the 40th SAARC Charter Day, I request all to keep working toward a united South Asia characterized by peace, prosperity, and shared goals. May SAARC prosper as a symbol of cooperation and solidarity throughout the region.

Long live SAARC!


(Mohammed Shahabuddin)

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Message

On the auspicious occasion of the 40th SAARC Charter Day, I am delighted to convey my warmest greetings and heartfelt felicitations to the governments and the people of the SAARC family on behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh as well as myself. The SAARC Charter was signed in Dhaka on this Day forty years ago with the intention of promoting regional collaboration, trust, and prosperity among the South Asian countries. SAARC has served as a rendition of our common goals, cultural ties, and regional unity ever since that momentous occasion.

As we commemorate four decades of SAARC's journey, it is a fitting time to celebrate the achievements we have collectively made and to reflect on the challenges we must still overcome. Through SAARC, we have made significant strides in areas such as poverty alleviation, health, education, environment, and trade. These achievements are a testament to our shared commitment and the resilience of our peoples. Yet, there remains much work to be done. More than ever, there is a pressing need to renew our commitment to the SAARC vision and work together towards sustainable development, equitable economic growth, and social progress for all South Asians.

The SAARC Charter has served as the cornerstone of our group initiatives to improve the lives and standard of living of the people of South Asia for almost forty years. Bangladesh is prepared to further advance our common goals and strengthen regional alliances in the same spirit. I believe SAARC has the capacity to build a future in which regional unity and collaboration will enable each of our nations to prosper. I propose to strengthen our collaboration in the coming days to tackle global issues including food, energy and human security, climate change, and digital transformation.

On this Charter Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the SAARC Secretary General, members of the Secretariat, and dedicated teams across SAARC institutions for their hard work and commitment to regional cooperation. Let us continue to strive for a South Asia that is peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive, where every citizen can realize his/her potential and where our nations can work hand in hand toward a brighter, more resilient future.

May this auspicious occasion inspire us to redouble our efforts to pursue our shared goals and aspirations. Long live SAARC and the spirit of South Asian unity!

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