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His Excellency Mr. Antonio Guterres
Secretary General of the United Nations
His Excellency Volkan Bozkir
President of the 75th General Assembly of the United Nations

Your Excellencies Heads of State and Governments

Your Excellencies Ministers of Foreign Affairs
Honorable Heads of Delegation

This week we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. And this is a perfect occasion to reinforce our collective determination, as sister nations, to continue promoting peace and security, sustainable development, and human rights in all parts of the world.

The Dominican Republic was one of the 51 original signatories during the birth of this organization. And we take pride of our founding member condition. We are therefore not just another country. As a nation that was part of its birth, we reiterate today, with the same commitment, our absolute support for the UN in good times and bad.

Because we know that every day, in every corner of the planet, the United Nations makes a difference for millions of human beings: by vaccinating children; delivering food relief; providing shelter and encouragement to refugees; deploying peacekeeping personnel; protecting the environment, or facilitating peaceful resolution of disputes.

The challenges of our time transcend borders and require complex solutions that must be achieved through negotiation and compromise.

“The Future We Want, the United Nations We Need: Fighting Covid-19 Through Multilateral Action” –the motto chosen by this Assembly, reflects the importance of joint action and the essential role of this organization and its ancillary agencies such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF and FAO.

Only by working together we will overcome common threats and take advantage of shared opportunities; only at the United Nations can all countries –large and small, rich and poor –and all people make their voices heard.



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In our rapidly evolving world, the United Nations remains humanity's invaluable instrument for common progress. Let us take this anniversary to reflect on the lessons learned over 75 years, and reaffirm our commitment to help our peoples build prosperous lives, with security and dignity for all; anywhere on the planet.

Happy Anniversary.

Good luck, good work, and thank you very much.