THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE WORLD FEDERATION
OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA)
ON ITS 65th ANNIVERSARY

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the World Federation of United Nations Associations on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. Such longevity is testament to the importance and relevance of your work.

WFUNA and its global network of more than 100 UNAs are strong partners across our shared agenda. Our organizations have a long history of collaboration, providing space for dialogue where it may otherwise be difficult; emphasizing the needs of individuals who may otherwise go without; and propelling issues of mutual importance to higher visibility. WFUNA has also been a reliable resource of information about global issues – and a channel for informing the world about what the United Nations is doing to meet those challenges.

In an era when challenges spill over borders and have global reach, our future depends on how well we work together. We must unite to overcome climate change, and create a greener, more sustainable world for all. We must work in unison to defeat extreme poverty and build a more just and prosperous world. We must stand up for human beings in crisis -- people caught up in war or disasters, or those whose fundamental rights are being infringed.

I thank WFUNA and all UNAs around the world for their global citizenship and their enduring commitment to the United Nations. The United Nations looks forward to successfully maintaining and strengthening this multifaceted, multidisciplinary relationship. Congratulations again on this milestone.

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