

ENHANCING THE WORK OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL THROUGH STRENGTHENED ALIGNMENT TO THE UN CHARTER AND ENHANCED COOPERATION WITH THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

RESOLUTION

The 44th Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Associations,

Highlighting the core objectives of the UN to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from international law can be maintained, and promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Recognizing that the world is undergoing profound turbulence, with growing pressures on the UN and the multilateral system,

Affirming the complementary roles established by the United Nations Charter, whereby the Security Council bears primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, the General Assembly considers the general principles of cooperation in this field, and the International Court of Justice serves as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations for the peaceful resolution of legal disputes between States and to advance the rule of law,

Expressing grave concern at the increasing prevalence of armed conflicts and the continued commission of atrocity crimes, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression,

Welcoming the adoption of the Pact for the Future at the UN Summit of the Future, and highlighting, in particular, Action 41: Strengthening the response of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security and its relationship with the General Assembly,

Welcoming the UN Security Council thematic debates on the roles of the International Court of Justice for the peaceful resolution of disputes, and to advance the rule of law between nations,

Highlighting the flexibility of the International Court of Justice in considering both contentious cases between States based on mutual acceptance of the court's jurisdiction, and advisory opinions on questions of international law requested by the Security Council, General Assembly and other authorized UN bodies,

Acknowledging that the UN Security Council could become more effective in fulfilling its primary roles through strengthened alignment to the UN Charter,



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and enhanced cooperation with the United Nations General Assembly and International Court of Justice,

Affirming the roles and authority of the Permanent Members of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, and the importance of the responsible exercise of this authority,

1. Urges all Member States to uphold the UN Charter including, inter alia, Article 2, which prohibits the threat or use of force, and which requires Member States to resolve their disputes through peaceful means;
 2. Reminds Member States of the mechanisms provided for in the Charter for the peaceful resolution of disputes through negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or arrangements, or other peaceful means (Article 33);
 3. Calls on the UN Security Council to optimize the use of its existing powers under the UN Charter to make recommendations to disputing parties on the peaceful resolution of their conflicts (Article 33), and to take timely action to prevent atrocity crimes, taking into consideration that legal disputes should as a general rule be referred by the parties to the International Court of Justice (Article 36);
 4. Encourages the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly to enhance constructive dialogue and fully utilize the opportunity provided by UNGA resolution 76/262 to undertake inclusive consultations and explore cooperative ways forward when there are operational deadlocks in the Security Council;
 5. Also encourages UN Security Council members to adhere to Article 27(3) of the UN Charter, in order to ensure that the Security Council can fulfil its mandate in addressing any dispute that might threaten international peace and security;
 6. Encourages improvement of the Security Council working methods and veto mechanism practices, including consideration of reference to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion to clarify the legal obligations on the exercise of the veto in the Security Council;
 7. Requests the Security Council, the General Assembly and Member States to further strengthen cooperation with the International Court of Justice as an essential mechanism for the peaceful settlement of disputes and the advancement of the rule of law at the international level.
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