

RECLAIMING MULTILATERALISM AND STRENGTHENING AFRICA'S VOICE IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

RESOLUTION

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

Recalling the purposes and tenets of the United Nations Charter, particularly the commitment to international collaboration, peaceful dispute resolution, sovereign equality of States, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Reaffirming the imperative of multilateralism and global cooperation in addressing transnational concerns such as armed conflict, climate change, poverty, food shortages, forced relocation, pandemics, and emerging technological threats,

Recognizing that the legitimacy, credibility and efficacy of the multilateral system rely on meaningful, active participation, equitable representation, accountability, openness, and the ability of international institutions to adjust to contemporary global realities,

Welcoming the theme of the 44th WFUNA Plenary Assembly, "Reclaiming Multilateralism," and emphasizing the unique role of United Nations Associations in strengthening public confidence in the United Nations and in connecting citizens with the principles and work of the UN,

Recalling the Pact for the Future and its commitment to reform global governance and strengthen the multilateral system,

Recognizing the significance of Africa's historic and ongoing constructive contribution to world peace and security, sustainable development, human rights, humanitarian action, and the progress of multilateral collaboration,

Acknowledging the Common African Position on reform of the United Nations Security Council, as articulated in the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration (2005),

Recognizing further that Africa's effective engagement in global decision-making should extend beyond Security Council reform to include development financing, international financial governance, peace and security, climate action, technology, digital governance and other areas affecting the continent and the larger international community,

Emphasizing that regaining multilateralism involves not only institutional reform, but increased civic participation, public education, intergenerational dialogue, and collaboration among civil society organizations, academic institutions, youth networks, and United Nations Associations,

Recognizing the valuable contribution that African United Nations Associations can make by bringing regional perspectives into global civic dialogue while building bridges among UNAs across regions,



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WFUNA 44TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

1. Reaffirms its commitment to a strong, inclusive, effective, representative, and rules-based multilateral system centered on the goals and principles of the United Nations Charter;
2. Encourages WFUNA and its member United Nations Associations to promote public understanding of the value of multilateralism, amplifying African voices and the role of the United Nations in addressing shared global challenges;
3. Recognizes the significance of strengthening Africa's voice and meaningful engagement in global governance, in accordance with the values of equal representation, inclusion, accountability, and effectiveness;
4. Supports continued international dialogue on comprehensive reform of the United Nations system, including reform of the Security Council, while upholding existing intergovernmental mechanisms and recognizing that Member States hold differing views on the modalities of Council reform, including the extension of veto power to any new permanent members
5. Encourages WFUNA to facilitate structured exchanges between African UNAs and UNAs from other regions in order to promote mutual understanding and develop common approaches to global challenges;
6. Calls upon member UNAs to support evidence-based civic education on the United Nations and to challenge misinformation and public disengagement with multilateral organizations;
7. Invites WFUNA and interested UNAs to develop an annual UNA Dialogue on Africa and Global Multilateralism, open to all member UNAs, to assess progress on shared priorities;
8. Requests the WFUNA Secretariat, subject to available resources, to document and disseminate successful UNA-led initiatives arising from the African UNA Multilateralism Initiative for adaptation by other UNAs;
9. Invites Member States, United Nations entities, regional organizations, civil society, academia and other relevant partners to engage constructively with UNA initiatives aimed at strengthening public support for effective multilateral cooperation;
10. Encourages all WFUNA members to approach discussions on reform of the multilateral system in a spirit of dialogue, mutual respect, solidarity and consensus-building;
11. Requests that progress arising from this resolution be reported to a subsequent WFUNA Plenary Assembly or other appropriate WFUNA governing body;
12. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.