

RESPONDING TO GROWING THREATS TO MULTILATERALISM

RESOLUTION

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

Guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and its commitment to “We the Peoples,”

Recalling that the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) was established 80 years ago in 1946 to strengthen public understanding of and support for the United Nations,

Alarmed by growing unilateralism, geopolitical rivalry, increasing inequality, disinformation, disregard for and violations of international law, environmental risks and armed conflicts,

Concerned that unpaid assessed contributions by Member States to the United Nations, declining voluntary contributions, and reductions in core funding are limiting the ability of the United Nations to fulfill its responsibilities,

Deeply concerned by restrictions on civic freedoms and civil society participation, including measures limiting the ability of organizations to operate, cooperate internationally, or receive lawful funding,

Reaffirming the importance of global civil society in enhancing the public awareness and support for the United Nations in these critical times,

Recognizing the historic and unique role of UNAs in connecting the United Nations with citizens, translating international principles into national debates, and promoting informed public discussion,

1. Reaffirms the commitment of WFUNA and its member UNAs to the United Nations Charter, international law, universal human rights, peaceful conflict resolution, sustainable development, and international cooperation;
2. Declares that UNAs shall remain independent of political parties and governments while exercising principled advocacy in defense of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
3. Calls upon all Member States to respect and apply international law consistently, regardless of political alliances or strategic interests;
4. Urges Member States to pay their assessed contributions fully and promptly and without conditions, address outstanding arrears, and provide adequate, predictable, and flexible funding to the United Nations system;
5. Calls upon Member States to cease using funding reductions as political pressure or in ways that undermine essential humanitarian, development, peace, health, or human rights activities;
6. Commits UNAs to supporting multilateralism by communicating the achievements and challenges of the United Nations, and advocating for reform;
7. Encourages UNAs, in accordance with their national contexts and capacities, to:



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WFUNA 44TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

- a. Explain the work of the United Nations in accessible language and connect it with national and local concerns,
 - b. Develop educational activities for young people, educators, parliamentarians, journalists, and communities,
 - c. Monitor and respond to significant misinformation about the United Nations,
 - d. Promote dialogue across political divisions, including with groups skeptical of multilateralism,
 - e. Advocate for international law and the implementation of international commitments;
8. Calls upon governments and the United Nations system to protect civic space and uphold freedom of expression, association, peaceful assembly, and civil society participation in line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and human rights treaties;
 9. Encourages stronger cooperation among UNAs through the exchange of experiences, educational resources, policy analysis, and communication materials;
 10. Calls for a coordinated effort by WFUNA and its members to reclaim the meaning of “We the Peoples” and demonstrate that multilateralism addresses challenges no country can solve alone;
 11. Resolves that the UNA movement will defend the United Nations, advocate for necessary reform, and work towards a more effective, representative, participatory, and resilient multilateral system.
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