

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT VIOLENCE, PROTECT CIVILIANS, AND PROMOTE LASTING PEACE IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED STATES

RESOLUTION

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

Affirming Article 1 of the United Nations Charter, which establishes the UN's primary purpose of maintaining international peace and security and promoting human rights; Article 2, which affirms state sovereignty while requiring the peaceful settlement of disputes and prohibiting the use of force except as authorized by the Charter; and Articles 33–38, which encourage negotiation, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, and other peaceful means of resolving disputes,

Welcoming United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres's remarks in April 2026, in which he warned that the global system is currently "brimming with conflict, impunity, inequality and unpredictability," with the world facing the highest number of active conflicts since the UN was founded. He emphasized that internal conflicts rarely end on their own and require leaders to choose dialogue over destruction,

Recalling the World Summit Outcome Document (2005), which endorses the principle of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P); affirms that every state has the primary responsibility to protect its population from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity; and states that the international community should assist states and may take collective action through the Security Council if a state manifestly fails to protect its population,

Recalling further United Nations Security Council Resolution 1820 (2008), which demands protection for civilians and accountability for perpetrators; United Nations Security Council Resolution 2417 (2018), which calls for protection of humanitarian access; United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/1, which contains the formal endorsement of Responsibility to Protect by all UN Member States; the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (1987), a landmark multilateral environmental agreement; and UN Security Council Resolution S/RES/2805 (2025), which underscores peacebuilding as essential to lasting peace and development, refocusing efforts from policy commitments to measurable, coordinated implementation benchmarks across the UN system and at the country level,

1. Calls on:

- A. UNAs to urge Member States, their governments, and civil society organizations to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit trafficking of weapons, people, drugs, finances, and cybercrime that sustain armed groups across borders,



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- B. UNAs to request their governments and civil society organizations to urge the United Nations to ensure access and provide humanitarian assistance, including food, medical care, shelter, and education, to civilians affected by violence in all conflict-affected regions,
- C. UNAs to urge Member States and all parties to conflict to ensure the protection of humanitarian personnel, including local humanitarian actors and frontline responders, and to guarantee safe, rapid and unimpeded humanitarian access to affected communities,
- D. UNAs to urge their governments to support the United Nations in promoting mediation, inclusive political dialogue, and democratic governance as peaceful means of resolving internal conflicts before violence escalates; encourage greater transparency, accountability, and management of humanitarian assistance; and support regular monitoring and reporting by the UN Secretary-General, requesting the Secretary-General to establish specific, time-bound indicators for the 'measurable, coordinated implementation benchmarks' referenced in the preamble, so this resolution translates aspiration into an accountable reporting structure,
- E. UNAs to encourage governments and civil society organizations to invest in education, employment opportunities, community development programs, and capacity-building for law enforcement to address the root causes of violence, including poverty, inequality, and lack of economic opportunity,
- F. UNAs to urge their governments and civil society organizations to protect refugees and internally displaced persons, protect women and youth to ensure security, and encourage special protective measures, including medical care and family reunification, for children affected by disasters and violence,
- G. UNAs to encourage their governments and Member States to support international cooperation for reconstruction and long-term development, as well as address the root causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, corruption, and weak governance,
- H. UNAs to encourage Member States and the international community to increase resources by developing public-private partnerships for reconstruction and long-term post-conflict development, and assistance to aid in the reconciliation and rebuilding of affected states and regions.