

If we can reach that objective, the tragic split between the Great Powers which now weakens and endangers our world organization could be healed; the United Nations could grow in strength and prestige to a point where many of the items on this Assembly's agenda would be unthinkable. If, however, that split persists and grows deeper and more dangerous, then the United Nations, as we know it now, as we formed it in San Francisco, may disappear. With that disappearance, if it ever took place, the risk of a war in which everything worth having would also disappear, would become immeasurably greater. To the prevention of that final catastrophe, my delegation hopes that this Assembly will be able to make an effective contribution. To that end, we pledge our own best effort.

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