

Joint Appeal

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Charter we direct a strong appeal to all Member States to recommit themselves to the United Nations and the principles of the Charter. This recommitment must find expression in concrete efforts to strengthen the United Nations.

We call on the Security Council to fully discharge its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. Its capacity to deal with incipient crisis situations should be enhanced. The Council should closely monitor the implementation of its resolutions. We recommend that a well-prepared Security Council meeting be held at the highest level as an appropriate framework for the adoption of concrete measures to strengthen the Council's effectiveness.

We strongly support an active role for the Secretary-General in the solution of international crises. Parties to a conflict should make constructive use of his good offices and cooperate with him in mediation efforts. Timely and full information of the Secretary-General on crisis situations and optimal coordination between his activities and those of the Security Council are essential.

We consider UN peace-keeping operations as an important instrument to improve international security. In order to be effective, such operations need a clear mandate, adequate means to fulfill their missions and a sound financial basis.

A stable international order further requires the solution of the world's pressing economic and social problems. We call upon the Member States to strengthen the UN system as an instrument of international economic and social cooperation. We must seek a "new consensus for development" which will promote economic stability, growth and development with due regard to the social fabric of societies and the dignity of the individual.

The present crisis of multilateral cooperation stands in stark contrast to the imperative need to cope with the challenges of increasing global interdependence. The solution of the growing number of problems which transcend national and regional boundaries requires intensified co-operative endeavours by the entire international community. Let us therefore unite our efforts to enable the UN to play its unique and vital role in promoting peace, justice, freedom and progress for all humanity.

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