Statement on the Occasion of International Human Solidarity Day,
by the

President of the General Assembly,

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International Human Solidarity Day commemorates one of the core values of the United Nations. The UN Charter's preamble states that the peoples of the United Nations are "determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom" and to that end "unite our strength to maintain international peace and security". This represents a notable expression of the spirit of human solidarity.

Much has been achieved but much more needs to be done to honor this commitment. We can enjoy a more prosperous and equitable future if we reinforce the spirit of solidarity at the United Nations.

I welcome the theme of this year's commemoration: "Global partnership for building shared prosperity", which advocates a more resilient and equitable partnership for global development in order to fight poverty and hunger as well as the increasing threat of climate change. It seeks to promote social inclusion and justice. These are key priorities of my work as President of the General Assembly.

We must work together to build a more inclusive and prosperous world where peace and development benefits all, not just the few. We need strong global partnerships that generate the innovation and dynamism required to make long-lasting change.

Momentum was created at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and I have encouraged all stakeholders to get involved in implementing the mandate world leaders gave us in Rio this last June, in order to make it an inclusive and equitable framework for poverty eradication and the creation of a sustainable environment for all.

We must now continue building upon this promising beginning and deliver accordingly on the outcome. Success requires solidarity among Member States and peoples. I count on all actors from Member States to parliaments, civil society and donor communities to make sure that commitments will be fulfilled.

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