



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Lesotho presents its compliments to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and has the honour to attach Lesotho's message in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Lesotho avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Today as we mark the commemoration of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations (UN) 75 years ago, we recall that the pall of despair that had descended upon the world following the Second World War was eased with the adoption of lofty ideals by our forebears when they came together in San Francisco and resolved to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war". We also recall that the UN played a significant role in easing the pangs of decolonization. We do so at a critical time and juncture in human history, indeed this is the time for true reflection on the role of the United Nations in the 21st century - the organization upon which humanity places much faith and hope for a better life for all.

The purposes and principles of the UN Charter continue to be relevant in today's world. The United Nations has had to grapple with crises situations in many parts of the world in accordance with its mandate to maintain international peace and security. As today's problems grow ever more global, multilateralism and solidarity are more important than ever. We should remain steadfast against the reemerging threats on multilateralism and global cooperation. We believe that a coherent and feasible strategy for the future, committed resources, streamlining priorities combined with responsible and inspired leadership are prerequisites to achieving a relevant and vital UN for the future. This will go a long way towards fulfilling the ideals for which the UN was formed.

We remain convinced that the United Nations is the only universal institution that can safeguard world peace and ensure the survival of all and sundry. We therefore fully support the calls for global ceasefires and ban on nuclear weapons as key stepping stones to world peace and security. As we are entering the decade of action, we also recognize the crucial role of the United Nations system in supporting the achievement of the 2030 development agenda, addressing the impacts of climate change as well as coordinating a global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, thus ensuring that no one and country is left behind.

Lesotho reaffirms its commitment to advance a collective vision of an effective United Nations to ensure a prosperous and lasting future for all our peoples.

