

Message from H.E. Mr. Srdjan Darmanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Adoption of the UN Charter 75 years ago is a landmark achievement of the international community that changed the course of modern history and made a huge impact on the lives of people across the globe. It represents the resolution of us, as nations, to save the future generations from the horrors of war, and to put security of people, their rights and freedoms and living conditions in the centre of global affairs. To that end, we decided in to create the United Nations as our common good and a key platform for international cooperation.

The United Nations and its member states, civil society and individuals, together share the responsibility of building peaceful and prosperous societies based on universal values as stipulated in the UN Charter. The most effective way to address these issues is through strong and effective multilateralism, with the World Organization at its core and the human rights as the ultimate landmark. Previously agreed key international documents clearly demonstrate what we can achieve through joint efforts and constructive dialogue.

Today, we are facing challenges that are more complex, more unpredictable and more threatening than ever before, an example of which is the Covid 19 pandemic. We need to place our attention on finding sustainable solutions through all peaceful means at our disposal and with a renewed commitment to the principles of solidarity and cooperation within the multilateral framework. By showing political will and good faith to turn our differences into assets, it is of the utmost importance to stay true to the core values of the UN Charter, thus strengthening multilateral cooperation and multilateralism as the only effective response to the challenges of the 21st century. In that regard, Montenegro remains committed to efficient and effective multilateralism, rule-based international order, protection of human rights with the United Nations and its Charter at its core.