



Message from H.E. Mr. Ivica Dačić
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The marking of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations is an opportunity for us to confirm once again our collective commitment to multilateralism and the principles to which we all pledged allegiance by signing the Charter of the United Nations. It is with pride that we point out that Yugoslavia, of which Serbia is a successor, actively participated in the establishment of the United Nations and was among the first fifty signatory States of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Republic of Serbia remains firmly committed to the goals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the promotion of international relations based on the respect of international law and human rights and the creation of conditions for accelerated economic prosperity and sustainable development all over the world. The sovereign equality of States, renunciation of the use of force, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity, peaceful settlement of disputes, as well as restraint from taking unilateral measures and actions that are not in accordance with international law are key preconditions for the maintenance of international peace and security as provided for by the Charter of the United Nations. By defending its sovereignty and territorial integrity and respect for UNSCR 1244 (1999), the Republic of Serbia at the same time defends international law and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the supreme authority of the Security Council.

This important jubilee takes place at the time when the world is faced with the Covid-19 pandemic, the challenge that has affected the entire planet and that puts to test our readiness to act in unison by embracing mutual solidarity and cooperation. Today, more than ever before, the investment of collective efforts is of paramount importance for achieving the sustainable development goals and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, aimed at creating a better and more prosperous, but also a more secure and stable world in which no one will be left behind.

We believe that the United Nations is just as necessary today as it was at the time of its inception and that, in the circumstances in which we face new challenges, the principles woven into the Charter of the United Nations are vested with added values. With respect for national interests and priorities, we must take a comprehensive look at

all challenges of our time in order to build effective multilateralism and demonstrate a collective resolve to do more for the future that we aspire to.

History teaches us, and the Charter warns, that we should not wait and provoke horrors of global proportions, like World Wars I and II, in order to create a more perfect system and limit arbitrary decisions. It is the responsibility of each and every United Nations Member State to be committed to the achievement of the goals of the United Nations and base its activity on the principles on which the United Nations is founded.