

Statement by the President of the Republic of Poland
H. E. Andrzej Duda
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*Mr Secretary General,
Your Excellencies,*

At the outset let me thank the Secretary General for his initiative to convene this Summit and all the countries facilitating the negotiations of its documents.

We believe the Summit provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the effectiveness of current structures in addressing key global challenges.

We all can see significant shifts in international relations. The order based on international law and solidarity enshrined in the UN Charter is under serious threat. The global multilateral system has become in many ways dysfunctional and needs to be reformed. We cannot accept that those who challenge the order based on the UN Charter are gaining strength.

Russia's aggression against Ukraine is a striking example. As a permanent member of the Security Council, Russia should uphold the UN Charter and the international law. However, by attacking a sovereign state, it has relinquished this responsibility. Consequently, Russia can no longer claim to be safeguarding the security of the international system and that of other nations.

We must strive to improve the efficiency of the UN system. In order to restore faith in multilateralism and maintain peace and security, it is necessary to strengthen international law.

Despite many reservations about the UN system, there is no better alternative to multilateralism. Today's global challenges are complex and require collective action as individual states cannot address them alone.

Commitment to multilateralism with the UN at its core is a cornerstone of Polish foreign policy. We are determined to defend the UN Charter and its principles.

We advocate for fair global governance and the reinforcement of international cooperation across the key pillars of the UN - peace and security, development, and human rights.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are pleased that the *Pact for the Future* addresses the strengthening and promotion of the three pillars of the UN activity: peace and security,

development and human rights, as well as respect for the UN Charter and international law.

It identifies the actions needed to achieve the ambitious goals related to strengthening the multilateral system and achieving the goals of the 2030 (twenty thirty) Agenda.

It is necessary to ensure adequate participation of women in global governance and take into account the perspectives of the younger generation. At the same time, the issues related to aging populations and the expectations of younger generations remain equally challenging.

We are aware that the outcome of the Summit must reconcile various perspectives and ambitions.

We are ready to work together to achieve ambitious results and fully implement the *Pact for the Future* in the coming years.

Thank you.