

Your Excellencies, Heads of State and Government

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We gather today representing the peoples of the world, united by our shared aspirations for the future. Our future is in our hands. We have the power to make important choices for the future. We stand at a crossroads of global transformation, facing unprecedented challenges that demand urgent, collective action.

From conflict and climate change to the digital divide, from inequalities to threats against human rights, together, we all face profound challenges.

Yet, alongside these challenges, there is hope. There is hope because challenges come along with opportunities.

The opportunity for renewal, innovation, and global cooperation is within reach. Our Summit of the Future has given us a Pact.

The Pact for the Future, just adopted, represents our pledge not only to address immediate crises, but lay the foundations for a sustainable, just, and peaceful global order – for all peoples and nations.

The commitments embodied in the Pact and its annexes reflect the collective will of Member States and must guide our actions and encourage us to:

- Promote international peace and security,
- Invigorate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals,
- Foster just and inclusive societies, and
- Ensure that technologies always serve the common good of humankind.

We must move forward, together, in a spirit of solidarity and multilateral cooperation.

The Summit of the Future is a call to action. We must shape our future to protect ourselves and our planet Earth.

Action that recommits us to the principles of international law, the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the promise of the United Nations Charter to save future generations from the pain of war.

The path we choose must lead to a future where human dignity is respected and human rights are upheld.

A future where peace transcends the mere absence of conflict and is grounded in justice, inclusion, and equity.

Excellencies,

Our mission is to eradicate poverty in all its forms, tackle inequalities, and promote peace and security, tolerance and respect for diversity.

The Summit offers a historic opportunity to ensure that progress is shared equitably across all nations and communities everywhere.

We have an obligation to harness the power of science, technology, and innovation, in order to prepare the future of humankind.

It is also important that we reproduce our human successes across generations all the time.

Let us continue our efforts to reform and strengthen global institutions that support peace, security, sustainable development, and financial stability.

Meaningful progress requires that all voices are heard – and that all nations, regardless of size or wealth, have a seat at the table. The United Nations is the organization where all nations have a seat at the table.

Throughout, we must recognize that none of our goals will be achieved without the full participation of women and girls.

Advancing gender equality across all sectors of society will be of decisive significance.

Equally, we must acknowledge the vital role of young people in shaping our future, ensuring their voices are heard, their rights protected, and their potential realized. Our youth are the torch bearers of tomorrow.

This is especially true in Africa, where more young people will enter the workforce each year than in the rest of the world combined.

Together, let us rise to this moment with courage and determination as we accelerate our journey towards a brighter future for everyone, everywhere.

I thank you.