

Message of the Universal Esperanto Association on the occasion of United Nations Day, 24 October 2020

October 24, United Nations Day, marks the date in 1945 when the UN Charter entered into force and the UN came formally into being. Seventy-five years later, we look back at that day as one of the great achievements of humankind. Through the work of the United Nations, and with the cooperation of its Member States, the world has made huge strides in establishing world order, respect for human rights, the maintenance of peace, and the promotion of sustainable development.

However, despite the UN's efforts, the past seventy-five years have not yet led to the outlawing of war, nor to a world in which human rights are adequately respected, nor to sufficient progress in creating a sustainable and inclusive world order. Misunderstandings and breakdowns of communication remain frequent, mistrust abounds, and the world remains divided by race, religion, and nationalist intolerance of others. The world is better for the existence of the UN, but not better enough.

The Universal Esperanto Association, the worldwide association of users and activists of the International Language Esperanto, was an enthusiastic participant in recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations, organizing a series of virtual meetings with participation from as many as one hundred countries on aspects of the UN's work, participating in its surveys, and drawing up a set of conclusions from these activities aimed at helping the UN to plan the way ahead.

Our association strongly supports the work of the UN in seeking solutions to worldwide problems, not least in the difficult times that we are currently passing through. We have undertaken a concerted effort to inform our worldwide community about the Sustainable Development Goals and their importance, and, to that end, are redoubling our efforts to mobilize Esperanto speakers the world over.

Above all, and in line with the SDGs, we believe that multilateral issues require multilateral solutions, in which nature itself, the ordinary life of people, families and local communities, and human inventiveness and creativity can all combine to create a better world.

Achieving such goals requires active communication in a spirit of equality, such as we seek through our use of the International Language Esperanto. Our community has supported the United Nations from its beginning in 1945 and will continue that support into the future, serving as an example of how equality of communication can promote equal and enduring understanding. We look forward to a continued partnership with the United Nations and with people of goodwill – “We, the People” – the world over.

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