

Message of the Universal Esperanto Association on the International Day of Families, May 15, 2019

Every year on May 15, the United Nations celebrates the International Day of Families. On this day the United Nations recognizes that the family is the basic unit of society. It is through the family that children begin their education, that they learn language, that they learn how to interact with others. Poets, writers and thinkers have stressed the importance of families. When Zamenhof created Esperanto, he saw the language as serving as a bond and a means of communication that could make all inhabitants of the world members of a single worldwide family.

Today many families are divided – by war, by natural disasters brought on by climate change, by famine. Family members are scattered, against their will, all across the world. The Universal Esperanto Association joins with the United Nations in calling for the conditions in which such divisions can be overcome, and in which divided families can be reunited in peace, prosperity and understanding.

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