

Message of the Universal Esperanto Association on the occasion of United Nations Day, 24 October 2018

On the occasion of United Nations Day, 24 October 2018, the Universal Esperanto Association congratulates the United Nations on its 73rd year and urges speakers of Esperanto to support the work of the United Nations family.

The Universal Esperanto Association, founded in 1908, was re-structured in the years immediately following World War II and the defeat of the forces of fascism and genocide. Our goal, like those of the United Nations, coming into being at that time, was to promote language over bombs, and understanding over prejudice. We continue to share with the United Nations a belief that peaceful negotiation through the spoken and written word is superior to confrontation and violence, inclusion is preferable to exclusion, and discussion and agreement are essential for the sustainability of the planet. We encourage our members to follow the work of the United Nations and to lend their support to its efforts for peace and understanding.

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