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International Women's Day, 8 March 2022: Message of the Universal Esperanto Association

On International Women's Day, 8 March 2022, the Universal Esperanto Association greets the United Nations and gives its support to this year's IWD theme, "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow." Gender equality is essential for a peaceful world, in which everyone can work together for a sustainable future in a spirit of solidarity.

But this year, our solidarity is above all with those women in war zones who struggle to protect their children, who seek to defend the elderly, who volunteer to mitigate the effects of war even as war continues to rage around them. They do so on the heels of COVID, which has brought sorrow to many, disrupted education, and put children at risk all across the world. War and disease threaten everyone: it is everyone's task, men and women alike, to work peacefully to overcome such threats.

In seeking sustainability we seek to change the world; but today so many women across the world must work simply to sustain what is left of world order and to turn back the forces of destruction that threaten them. In so many parts of the world, the power of language has given way to force, or is subverted to promote disorder. We salute those brave women who speak out against such destruction and who plead for the restoration of order in a world in which finally their voices must be heard and destructive forces must give way to the voices of order, of peace, and of equality.

We call on the United Nations to do the job that it was created to do, and on its member-states to make that happen.

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