



Message of the Universal Esperanto Association on United Nations Day, 24 October 2024

We congratulate the United Nations on United Nations Day 2024 and we salute the spirit of optimism embodied in its Charter.

Despite the cynicism of the powerful and the doubts of many ordinary people who are suffering today, the hope of a world without wars, where everyone's human rights are respected and where all people have a voice in the spirit of justice and democracy, still rings out across the world – 79 years after the UN Charter came into force on 24 October 1945.

As UN Secretary-General António Guterres declared at the recent 79th UN General Assembly: “The people of the world are looking to us – and succeeding generations will look back on us. Let them find us on the side of the United Nations Charter ... on the side of our shared values and principles ... and on the right side of history.”

In all, 193 states are members of the General Assembly; they are our countries, our governments. The UN remains an inclusive and representative body to plan collective action. However, we need the commitments of those Member States – both to their own peoples and to the world.

We, the peoples, resolutely demand that our countries realise the goals of that hopeful Charter: that they preserve international peace and security, practise tolerance, develop friendly relations, unite to solve international problems, and do so in harmony. There will always be potential causes of conflict, but they should be solved through collaboration in the spirit of the UN Charter.

Collaboration requires reciprocal understanding and reciprocal trust. Trust is a prerequisite for peace, built through listening and acceptance, recognition and respect. In this context, language is the fundamental basis of communication, and multilingualism and equal communication across languages constitutes a fundamental value for the establishment of peace and trust.

The Universal Esperanto Association advances the spirit of the Charter all across the world by means of the International Language Esperanto. Through multilingual voices, and particularly through the International Language Esperanto, we reassert the principles and goals of the United Nations and reaffirm our promise to work together for a better world for all.