



Message of the Universal Esperanto Association on the occasion of the International Day of Hope, 12 July 2025

In January 2025 the United Nations General Assembly declared July 12 the International Day of Hope. The Universal Esperanto Association enthusiastically expresses its support for this initiative.

As its name implies, the International Language Esperanto was born and continues to live in an atmosphere of hope – the belief of a young physician, Ludvik Zamenhof, that there is another way than constant war, that it is possible to live together in peace. Zamenhof created an international language, whose goal was to cultivate hope in all peoples for another way than wars, persecutions, pogroms and persistent hatred.

Millions of people learned Esperanto: today Esperanto is known and used by individuals across the entire world. These people cultivate hope in a world where interpersonal communication might reduce and finally extinguish the distrust and hostility cultivated by too many people today.

The General Assembly, by its decision, welcomed “activities aimed at regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote well-being, in order to amplify hope and enhance peace, tolerance and social stability, respect for diversity and mutual respect.”

The Universal Esperanto Association, and the Esperanto community as a whole, welcomes these initiatives and will do its best, in cooperation with the rest of civil society, not only to celebrate the Day of Hope but to keep the flame of hope alive and shining throughout the year and in future years.