# *Message of the Universal Esperanto Association on the occasion of United Nations Day, 24 October 2026*

United Nations Day, 24 October, marks the date in 1945 when the United Nations was founded, as the tragedy of the Second World War was coming to an end and the painful process of recovery was beginning. The United Nations Charter lists the organization's four purposes:

1. To maintain international peace and security.
2. To develop friendly relations among nations.
3. To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems.
4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

This spirit of co-operation has been continually tested, but has endured. It is dependent on the good will of all, on a degree of mutual trust, and on a willingness to listen as well as act.

At a time when there is greater need than ever before to put collective welfare ahead of narrow self-interest, and when talking together, listening together and acting together are constantly threatened, our Association (the Universal Esperanto Association) remains devoted to the quest for international understanding expressed in the UN Charter and in the similar ideals embodied in the International Language Esperanto.

Speakers of Esperanto all across the world congratulate the United Nations on the UN's eighty-first year and call on its member states to work together for the good of all and for the welfare of the international community.