

RESOLUTION 42/9/B11

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE UN SYSTEM

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Noting with concern that the United Nations system is under-resourced and unable to respond adequately to the many challenges facing humanity; and

Also **noting** with concern, a challenge to the spirit of multilateralism and low levels of global public support for the United Nations, in part due to the inability of the Security Council members to cooperate and maintain international peace and security, including in the contexts of Syria and Yemen, with devastating consequences for civilians;

Believing that there is an urgent need for a fundamental reform in order to build the kind of UN system that is required to meet the challenges of this century, and to avoid repeating the often-catastrophic failures of the last century; while

Affirming support for ongoing reform efforts led by the Secretary-General relating to UN management structures, development system and peace and security architecture; and

Recognizing that the year 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, and that this provides a much-needed opportunity for system-wide stocktaking, review and strengthening of the organization; and

Recognizing the vital role played by civil society in the founding of the United Nations and throughout the UN's history on issues relating to UN reform, and, within civil society, the unique role which WFUNA and its network of UNAs has played in leading international efforts to revitalize the institution; while

Acknowledging the range of complementary ideas and efforts championed by different civil society organizations and coalitions;

Calls on:

- All United Nations Associations and WFUNA to join the call for a UN2020 summit to serve as a catalyst for fundamental renewal, reform and strengthening of the United Nations system including by conducting awareness raising initiatives and campaigns on specific proposals;
- All United Nations Associations, supported by WFUNA, to urge their governments to publicly champion a UN2020 summit and support a



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transparent preparatory process, including through states publishing their reform recommendations for a United Nations that is a powerful force in meeting common global challenges and opportunities, in the spirit of multilateralism;

- All United Nations Associations, supported by WFUNA, to stimulate informed debate in their national legislatures, media and within civil society, including marginalised groups, to ascertain and promote inclusive recommendations for UN reform.