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Multilateralism under threat

At a time when democracy is in danger, global priorities are shifting, and economic power is increasingly prioritized over the rule of law, the values and institutions of the United Nations face profound challenges.

As representatives of the European United Nations Associations, dedicated to promoting the principles, values, and goals of the UN, we voice our deep concern over the grave and unprecedented threat to Multilateralism – the cornerstone of international cooperation and collective problem-solving. The rise of geopolitical tensions, extreme nationalism, and blatant violations of international law are eroding its foundation, jeopardizing our collective ability to tackle global crises.

The numerous devastating conflicts and wars – such as in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan – and increasing human rights violations around the world are causing immense suffering and will leave lasting scars on future generations.

We urgently call for full respect for international law, humanitarian law, the protection of human rights, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court. Now, more than ever, we must stand firm in defending and strengthening multilateralism. We commit to protect the integrity of the UN, its agencies and institutions. We pledge to support full implementation of Agenda 2030 and the Pact for the Future.

Only through unified and strengthened multilateral efforts can we preserve peace, foster mutual understanding and trust, as well as develop sustainable solutions that no nation can achieve alone. The future of our shared world depends on it.

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