To mark the **75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020**, the Organization will launch a series of **dialogues** on how to build a truly global partnership to realize our shared aspirations for a just, peaceful and sustainable future. Under the leadership of Secretary-General António Guterres, the initiative will see people from all regions and walks of life come together to discuss how we can collectively navigate the gap between the future we need and where we are headed, if current trends continue.

Greece is among the 51 founding members of the United Nations. It remains dedicated to the pan-human ideals of the UN, participates actively in the proceedings of the UN and ardently supports the Organization as the repository of the international legal order. The principal points of reference for Greece’s presence at the UN can be summarized as follows: promotion of democratic principles of governance, peaceful resolution of disputes, strict compliance with the rules of international law, and full respect for human rights. Greece was last elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2005-2006 and has submitted its candidacy for a new term on the UN Security Council for 2025-2026.

Tackling issues such as the climate crisis, poverty and inequality, protracted conflict, migration and displacement, and the rapid changes in demography and technology will require effective cooperation across borders, sectors and generations. Failure to do so will have far-reaching consequences for the welfare of our children and grandchildren — and our planet itself.

But just when we need bold collective action more than ever, multilateralism is being called into question. Unilateralism is on the rise, as the world becomes more multipolar but also more polarized. In many parts of the world, there is a growing disconnect between people and institutions. Renewed support for global cooperation could not be more urgent.

That urgency — expressed by UN Member States in several resolutions — is a driving factor for the UN@75 initiative, which will inspire dialogues across the world to collect diverse perspectives and creative ideas on what is needed to address emerging risks and opportunities. The initiative is aligned with the UN General Assembly’s plans to commemorate the 75th anniversary under the theme “The future we want, the UN we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”.

Using different communications and outreach tools, the dialogues will explore how renewed commitment to collective action can secure the world we want in 2045, when the UN reaches its 100th anniversary. They will be centred on two simple propositions — (1) the value of dialogue, and (2) the question “what if?” — that can be translated and adapted to spark conversations in all settings: from parliaments to village halls, from classrooms to boardrooms.

To have value, these conversations must be future-oriented. Young people will therefore be key drivers of the dialogues. As the Secretary-General recently said: “Young people must be able to participate in the decisions that affect their lives. We need to create an enabling environment for young people, where they are seen not as subjects to be protected, but as ... full members of our societies, and as powerful agents for change.” The role of youth was also highlighted in the General Assembly’s resolution on the anniversary.
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