

Summit of the Future Plenary

Statement of the Prime Minister of Greece

H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis

Your Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,

I want to start by offering my deep appreciation to the Secretary General who brought us here today to adopt the Pact for the Future, and to the co-facilitators

We managed to come to an agreement- and it was not an easy task- at a time of heightened mistrust, strife, polarization and conflict. Yet we reached a consensus, because we know that the stakes are extremely high. And that the global threats we are facing together as an international community are of a much higher order than the individual interests of regions, countries or governments.

This is why the United Nations was created, almost 80 years ago. At the root of its foundation was the recognition that there is such a thing as global interest, a global common good for humanity, which supersedes and transcends the individual interests of member states.

The generation that created the United Nations and adopted the UN Charter left to us an invaluable legacy. One important difference between their historical moment and ours is this: They created the international system *after* suffering a devastating and unprecedented global catastrophe the Second World War.

We, on the other hand, have the opportunity to do something before too late, before we arrive at the next truly global crisis. We can still avert the devastation that could be wrought by the current global threats we are faced with.

Our Pact for the Future, as a point of global consensus, is only a first step. But it is a necessary first step. It is a political declaration to act. And political will is a necessary driver for action, at the national level and, collectively, at the global level.

Greece, as an incoming member of the Security Council for the next two years, was an active participant in this difficult negotiation. We believe we got to a fairly good outcome and I note with satisfaction the inclusion of paragraphs of particular concern to us, such as maritime Security and the protection of culture as an integral component of sustainable development.

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