United Nations Day Message

The creation of the United Nations (UN) in 1945, after the tragedy of World War II, was not only a landmark achievement but remains a defining moment in the history of mankind.

Seventy years have passed since the international community took the commitment to reconstruct a world founded on international peace and security, the protection of basic human rights, the promotion of education and the preservation of cultural heritage.

We have reasons to be proud of what we have accomplished together, as members of the UN family. The UN has relentlessly contributed to the decrease in inter-State rivalries by furthering the peaceful resolution of conflicts through the intervention of peacekeeping forces and mediation.

The adoption of the Millennium Declaration in the Year 2000 was yet another milestone achievement in the universal quest to reduce extreme poverty and disease, combat illiteracy, empower women in all spheres of life and raise global awareness on environmental protection.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Report 2014 reaffirmed that the MDGs have made a profound difference in people’s lives. Global poverty has been halved five years ahead of the 2015 timeframe and ninety per cent of children in developing regions now enjoy primary education.

Mauritius spared no effort to fulfil its pledge under the MDGs. We are proud that we have made substantial progress towards achieving most of the MDGs targets relating to eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and combatting HIV/AIDS.
Despite the slowdown of the world economy and the constraints faced by our country as a Small Island Developing State, the Government will ensure that the welfare state, of which we are so proud, is safeguarded so as to cater for the needs of the most vulnerable people.

We want to ensure that Mauritius reaches the next level of growth and development and that the fruits of prosperity are shared in an equitable manner. This ambitious vision has been translated in “VISION 2030”, which the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC, launched on 22 August 2015.

This year is a turning point in the history of the United Nations. At the UN Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda held in September, Heads of States and Governments adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, the SDGs. This Agenda is transformative in nature and revolutionary in its ambition as it seeks to end extreme poverty by 2030 and to provide a life of peace and dignity for all. This historical decision once again demonstrates the legitimacy and universal relevance of the United Nations.

The Republic of Mauritius renews its commitment towards fulfilling the vision embraced in the UN Charter and reaffirms its faith in fundamental human rights, equal rights of men and women, and the sovereign rights of all nations, large and small. As we implement the post-2015 development agenda we will ascertain that no ‘right’ is forgotten and that no one gets left behind.

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