



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade

Message on the occasion of the United Nations Day

Mauritius joins the international community in commemorating United Nations Day. On this day, Mauritius extends its best wishes to the United Nations family and to its dedicated personnel.

Mauritius became a member of the United Nations on 24 April 1968, shortly after gaining independence. Since joining, Mauritius has remained committed to the principles of the UN Charter, including respect for international law, the sovereign equality of nations, the protection of human rights and ensuring no one is left behind.

At a time when the international community faces growing geopolitical tensions, conflicts, economic uncertainties and the escalating impact of climate change, the role of the United Nations is more important than ever. We must seize the moment and choose dialogue and diplomacy instead of destructive wars.

This Day provides an opportunity to reaffirm our collective commitment to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, to the values of peace, multilateralism, international cooperation, peaceful co-existence and the promotion of a just, equitable and sustainable world.

It also serves as a renewed call for collective action: to reform and revitalize our multilateral institutions, build a UN Security Council that reflects the world of today and corrects the historical injustice against Africa and ensure that the UN80 initiative delivers a stronger United Nations that works for the future generation.

For Small Island Developing States like Mauritius, the United Nations remains an indispensable partner in advancing our national development priorities and addressing the particular vulnerabilities of small island nations. We continue to advocate for, *inter alia*, stronger international solidarity, enhanced climate action, access to climate finance and sustainable ocean governance.

Having ratified the Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction, Mauritius will work for its effective implementation. Mauritius will also continue to defend the principle that sea-level rise must not deprive any nation of its maritime zones or statehood.

Mauritius stands ready to contribute to shaping the next decade of multilateralism with resolve. As we mark United Nations Day, let us renew our hope in what humanity can achieve when we work, cooperate and exist together in harmony, solidarity and peace.

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