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Message

On the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, Bangladesh joins the international community in reaffirming our unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

This year holds a special significance for Bangladesh as we are celebrating the birth centenary of the Father of our Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In his maiden speech at the United Nations General Assembly on 24 September 1974, Bangabandhu made an unequivocal commitment to global peace, emphasized solidarity among nations, championed multilateralism, and called for the promotion of human rights, justice, and the rule of law nationally and globally. Our engagement with the United Nations is guided by his adept philosophy and vision.

2020 is a challenging year because of the outbreak of the COVID-19. Since early 2020, the pandemic continues to ravage through and reverberate around the world. It has put enormous strains on our societies, economies, health systems, lives and livelihoods, businesses, and export earnings. Only by working together and in solidarity can we end the pandemic and effectively tackle its consequences.

Over the last 75 years, the United Nations has had many achievements. It has promoted freedom, shaped norms for international development, helped mitigate conflicts, and saved hundreds of thousands of lives through humanitarian action. It has worked to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, including the equal rights of women and men. There are still areas where the UN can play a more decisive and robust role in resolving many of today's intractable challenges such as the Rohingya Crisis. The world is still beset with poverty, hunger, armed conflicts, terrorism, insecurity, climate change – all of which call for concerted efforts, and greater action. As we agreed in the declaration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, our challenges today are interconnected and can only be addressed through reinvigorated multilateralism. Only together can we build resilience against future pandemics and other global challenges.

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Bangladesh has been an active, contributing, and responsible member of the United Nations. In the endeavor to maintain global peace and security, Bangladesh has emerged as one of the leaders in the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions by adhering to our long-standing 'Culture of Peace'. Our government has also made exemplary achievements in implementing the SDGs, increasing women empowerment, enhancing access to economic and social rights, achieving food security, and reducing inequalities. Our economic performance for the last 11 years has been stellar. We are right on track to become a middle-income country by 2021, a developed country by 2041, and a prosperous Delta by 2100.

The world today is different from what it was 75 years ago when the UN was founded. In this ever-evolving world of more challenges and opportunities, we expect the UN to remain the most trusted partner to all nations. With a concrete and meaningful roadmap for shaping the future, the UN can guide us in our endeavor to build a secure future for us where security would be guaranteed, development ensured, and human rights protected. Bangladesh remains committed to working together with the United Nations and international community in responding to all shared challenges to create a peaceful, sustainable, inclusive, and just world.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever

Sheikh Hasina