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Message

The United Nations Day is an occasion to take stock of and reflect on the role played by the United Nations (UN) in fostering entente amongst nations and peoples. More than ever before, multilateralism is now recognised as an essential means of dealing with the challenges facing the world.

The UN has, since its creation, made unrelenting efforts to maintain peace and security while promoting human rights, social justice and development. The purposes for which the UN was set up, 64 years ago, are still relevant today.

The organisation is a unique platform where all countries come together to find common ground to resolve their differences and the challenges facing mankind. These challenges are complex and can only be addressed through concerted multilateral action.

Mauritius is committed to multilateralism and to the UN. We believe that, in this era of global interdependence, the challenges we face can only be met through international diplomacy and dialogue.

Mauritius is currently a member of the UN Economic and Social Council, the Governing Council of the UN Environment Programme, the UN Commission for Social Development and the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

This year, Mauritius has been re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for another three-year term. Our re-election is a recognition worldwide of our commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

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Over the years since the establishment of the UN, the geopolitical realities of the world have changed. The UN needs to move with the times so that it can respond more effectively to the demands and aspirations of its member States.

We hope for a positive outcome to the on-going negotiations on the reform of the UN and, in particular, that of the UN Security Council, to make our organisation more representative.

As responsible member States of the international community, we should all endeavour to work together to build a more effective UN Organisation, for a more secure and just world.

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