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ATT: Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés,  
President of the United Nations General Assembly

Your Excellency,

The organizations below are writing to urge you to work with member states to initiate as soon as possible a formalized General Assembly resolution to mandate a process for a dedicated 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Summit for the United Nations in 2020.

We view the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an important opportunity to address the current crisis in multilateralism and to involve governments and other UN stakeholders in a process of stocktaking, review and consideration of measures that strengthen the organization.

We very much appreciate the leadership that you and the Presidents of ECOSOC and the Security Council demonstrated October 31 in co-convening a “High-level Dialogue on Renewing the Commitment to Multilateralism.” At that meeting you will have heard an intervention from Amb. Drobnyak (Croatia), who also noted the need for the General Assembly to take action, during the 73<sup>rd</sup> session, to determine modalities for an effective 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration and political declaration.

The UN2020 Initiative is generating interest not only from many governments, but also from a growing number of civil society networks and organizations, across sectors and regions. We recognize that, as you noted yourself when addressing the General Assembly this September, “Multilateralism is the only possible response to the global challenges we face.”

To address current threats, and strengthen the United Nations, will require deliberate and determined action on the part of those of us who support multilateralism. We hope we can count on you to help initiate as soon as possible a formalized General Assembly resolution and process for a dedicated 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Summit for the United Nations.

With thanks, our continued support and the assurances of our highest consideration,

Sincerely:

African Philanthropic Foundation (Stephen Chacha)

CIVICUS (Jeffery Huffines)

Equidad de Género (Emilia Reyes)

Kenana Association for Sustainable Development and Women's Empowerment  
(Shaima Aly)

PyeongChang Global Peace Forum (Anselmo Lee)

Soroptimist International (Bette Levy)

The Stimson Center (Richard Ponzio)

United Nations Association – UK (Natalie Samarasinghe)

Workable World Trust (Nancy Dunlavy)

World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy (William Pace)

*\*This list of organizations reflects UN2020's initial endorsements and is currently being expanded.*