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70 years ago, the previous generation had the vision and foresight to establish the United Nations. This universal, representative and authoritative international organization has carried our joint hope for a new future and ushered in a new era of cooperation. We are moving toward a multipolar world, and the rise of emerging markets have become an irreversible trend in history. In today's world, all countries are interdependent and share a common future. We should renew our commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN charter and build a new future based on cooperation which is beneficial to all parties. To achieve this goal, we need to take the following steps: we should build partnerships in which countries treat each other as equals. We must engage in mutual communication and show mutual understanding. The principle of sovereign equality underpins the UN charter. The principle of sovereignty not only means that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries are inviolable, and their internal affairs are not subject to interference. It also means that all countries can independently choose social systems and development paths, and that all countries' endeavors to better economic and social development, and to improve their people's lives, should be respected.

We should be committed to multilateralism and reject unilateralism, and we should adopt a new vision of seeking win-win outcomes for all and reject the outdated idea that one country's gain means the other country's loss, or that the winner takes it all. We should promote a global partnership at both international and regional levels and embrace a new approach to state-to-state relations, one that features dialogue rather than confrontation, and seeks partnership rather than alliances.

The security of all countries is interlinked, and this has an impact on all countries. No country can maintain absolute security with its own efforts, and no country can achieve stability out of the instability of other countries. The law of the jungle leaves the weak at the mercy of the strong, and it is not the way for countries to conduct their relations.

Those who adopt the high-handed approach of using force will find that they are only lifting a rock to drop on their own feet. We should abandon the cold war mentality in all its manifestations and foster a new vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security. We should give full play to the central role of the UN and its Security Council in ending conflict and keeping peace.

We must also – with the future in mind – treat nature with respect. Together, we must solve challenges regarding climate change, protection of the environment, conserving energy and reducing CO₂-emissions. We must aim at securing access to clean water for the next generations. The history of mankind is a process of active exchanges, interactions and integration among different civilizations. Each civilization represents the unique vision and the contribution of its people, and no civilization is superior to others.