



THE UN IS US

**A message
from
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In the wake of a world war the nations came together and formed an institution dedicated to a better future, to peace and prosperity, to human rights and respect for all.

Throughout the twentieth century more nations became members and the UN came to reflect all of mankind, rich and poor, all races and religions.

The United Nations is a mirror of ourselves. It is us. Its successes and failures are our successes and failures. Its future is our future.

I welcome and applaud the gathering of young people under the auspices of the IceMUN to discuss and deliberate some of the most difficult problems of our times, to seek better solutions and to map out a more secure future.

Your determination demonstrates how relevant the United Nations are in your vision of a better world. May your endeavours be the beginning of a successful journey.

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