

The EU's and the UN's close cooperation highlights our commitment to effective multilateralism for the benefit of us all, present and future generations.



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Deeply committed to effective multilateralism, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) are natural partners for promoting peace, development and human rights, and for tackling new global challenges.

The EU and its Member States jointly make the largest contribution to the UN system, funding almost 40% of its regular budget and 50% of all contributions to the UN family. The European Commission alone contributes over €1 billion to the UN annually.

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Reinforcing global peace and security

The EU and the UN work to prevent conflicts, resolve crises and build sustainable peace across the world. Two examples out of a vast range are joint post-crisis damage and needs assessments to deliver more effective responses to disaster and conflict-related crises, or assistance to the reintegration of ex-combatants in countries like Côte d'Ivoire, south Sudan and Indonesia.

Promoting human rights and democracy

The EU and the UN play a major role in promoting respect for human rights, and fostering democracy and the rule of law. EU support is often instrumental to major advances, such as the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolutions for the moratorium on the death penalty.

Fostering human, economic and social development

Throughout the world, we join forces to alleviate poverty, generate sustainable economic growth, and ensure fair living and working conditions for all, for instance through:

- ▶ Promoting reconstruction and development in post-conflict areas, such as Afghanistan and Iraq;
- ▶ Fighting hunger and improving global food security, notably in the poorest African regions;
- ▶ Ensuring equitable access to public health, for instance by ensuring access to essential medicines, and delivering water and sanitation services, in countries like Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Niger or Suriname;
- ▶ Promoting access to education in Least Developed Countries.

Protecting the environment and addressing climate change

Faced with growing threats, we work together to achieve global environmental sustainability to enhance implementation of major international environmental agreements, promote sustainable consumption and production methods, and protect endangered ecosystems and biodiversity.

Delivering humanitarian assistance

The UN is a key partner for the EU in delivering emergency food and humanitarian assistance to victims of natural and man-made disasters, displaced persons and refugees. A large proportion of EU humanitarian operations are implemented through UN agencies, covering most regions of the world.

Tackling other trans-national challenges

The UN is a key partner in the fight against a web of global threats, including terrorism, trans-national organised crime and the trafficking of people, drugs, and weapons. These affect the security of millions of people around the world.

