EUROPEAN UNION

EU–UN: A PARTNERSHIP THAT DELIVERS

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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The European Union and the United Nations are **natural partners**. We are the world's leading proponents and defenders of a **multilateral** and **rules-based global governance system**.

Together, we respond to global crises, threats and challenges which cannot be addressed by individual nations acting alone, and which require **cooperation and coordination based on universal values and rules**.

In 2019, the EU and the UN are working together in more than 170 countries:

- Defending human rights;
- Preventing and overcoming crises;
- Protecting those at risk from war, disease and natural disasters;
- Supporting non-proliferation and disarmament;
- Tackling hunger and malnutrition;

- Building democratic and inclusive societies;
- Delivering essential services;
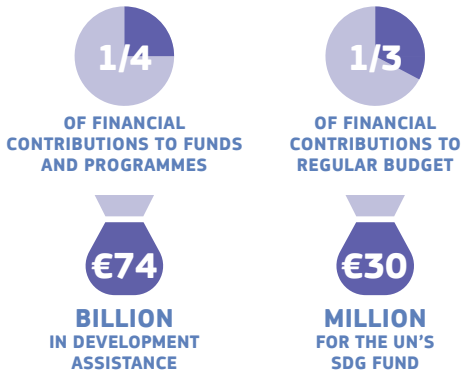- Helping sustainable economic growth and decent jobs;
- Combatting climate change;
- Aiding sustainable management of natural resources.

EU FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UN

1/4
OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

1/3
OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGULAR BUDGET

€74
BILLION
IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

€30
MILLION
FOR THE UN'S SDG FUND

The EU and its Member States are the **largest financial donors to the UN** system. They provide almost **one quarter of all financial contributions** to the UN's funds and programmes, whilst the EU **Member States also provide almost one third of the UN's regular budget**.

The EU is the largest development donor in the world; in 2018 it **provided over €74 billion in development assistance**, aligned with the UN's 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, the EU has committed **€30 million** for the UN's 2030 Agenda Fund to support the Development System reform and will continue to support the implementation of the UN reform process politically and financially.

MORE SECURITY FOR ALL

• The EU and the UN work together around the world to prevent conflicts, to preserve peace and resolve crises, cooperating closely in peace processes and in peace operations.

• EU Member States are the **largest contributor to the UN's peacekeeping budget**, providing **around 30% of it**.

• The UN and EU reinforced their **Strategic Partnership on Crisis Management**. **Priorities** on peace operations and crisis management for the period from 2019-2021 include women, peace and security, enhancing conflict prevention in the context of missions and operations and strengthening cooperation between the EU and the UN in the field.

UPHOLDING INTERNATIONAL LAW & STANDARDS

• The EU is an active supporter of the UN's work to **promote and protect universal human rights**. The EU spearheads several initiatives in this field, notably the "Good Human Rights Stories" initiative launched in September 2018.

• The EU and the UN jointly launched the "Spotlight" Initiative in 2017, targeting violence against women and girls worldwide. The EU has contributed €500 million of funding.

• The EU is a **staunch supporter of the International Criminal Court** and the Rome Statute and is the Court's main financial contributor. **All EU Member States have ratified the Rome Statute** and we are committed to promote its universality and integrity.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

• The EU was a leading player in the negotiation of the 2015 **Paris Agreement on Climate**, and is leading the way on its implementation.

• Through pilot projects in Sudan and Nepal, the EU and the UN are developing **tools to tackle climate-fragility risks** which can be applied in areas such as Lake Chad and the Sahel.

• The EU works together with UNHCR and the International Organisation for Migration to provide guidance on how best to **manage climate-induced displacement**.

ACTING TOGETHER FOR THOSE IN NEED

• The **EU and UN work together to preserve life and alleviate suffering** in the face of natural disasters. Our response goes from life-saving medical equipment and high-tech satellite imagery to reconciliation and mediation support.

• The third Brussels Conference on Syria raised **€6.2 billion in humanitarian aid for 2019 to Syrians** and hosting communities.

• Through the "Madad Fund", UNICEF and the EU provide Syrian youth with access to education, protection against harm, psychological support and a say in their own future.

• The EU and the UN's cooperation with the African Union helped over **48,000 people stranded in Libya to return voluntarily to their homes**, and has **evacuated more than 4,000 people** in need of international protection since November 2017.

• Together, the EU and the UN are working to eradicate hunger around the world. The **World Food Programme** is the UN entity having received most **EU funds**, with **over €920 million in 2018** alone.