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Generations. This will help us make better decisions that take into account the interests and needs of future generations. The Summit of the Future presents a crucial opportunity to get things right for both present and future generations. At a time of profound global change we need to recommit to

pressing issues, such as dimate change, gender inequality and poverty. And collectively maintain a laser-sharp focus on the long-term challenges that demand urgent action.

This Summit is a chance to commit to strengthening the multilateral system based on the international rule of law, while also pursuing necessary reforms to ensure it is fit for purpose, effective, responsive, inclusive and able to withstand future challenges.

We should not forget what constitutes the fundamental principles of the UN architecture and its pillars of peace and security; development; human rights; and the rule of law. The Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Summit of the Future -

This Pact for the Future, supplemented by the Declaration on Future Generations, is another major step forward in making our multilateral system fit for the future.

Your Excellencies,

We now have the opportunity to prove that we can pass on a better, fairer and more sustainable planet to future generations.

Thank you.