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We therefore need to go an extra mile, to put an extra effort to empower the United Nations to deal successfully with these and other threats and challenges. Because the United Nations, for all its criticism, remains the only organization capable of embodying the principles of a truly global and effective multilateralism. The UN can offer a global reach and legitimacy necessary to bring the international community to action.

Mr. President,

As the nature of threats before us is changing and new responses are needed, it is high time to agree on future policies and principles. Today we need to build a shared understanding of the nature of modern threats to international peace and security.

We need to press ahead with the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. We need reinforce our political will to make our global partnership more

Mr. President,

It is my hope and wish that by the end of this session we shall arrive at marking the 60th anniversary of the United Nations with a conviction and satisfaction that we have done everything in our power to build a better organization, capable of responding to both, old and new, hard and soft threats and challenges in an effective and comprehensive way.

Fully aware that the United Nations was created to serve us as mankind, let us embrace this challenge. Let us make true the promise of the United Nations capable of fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the peoples to whom it was created to serve.

Thank you.