



I am nevertheless convinced that, while W R Challenges are great so too is our collective capacity to surmount them, and to bring about transformational change that meaningfully benefits sustainable development

Peace and justice must be attained comprehensively, everywhere and for everyone

Our collective aim to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war as espoused in the UN Charter remains our most urgent and pressing ideal to achieve and thus must remain the centerpiece of our work.

Likewise, the myriad of challenges emerging from risk and loss due to the devastating impact of climate change must also remain a core focus of our efforts.

The Sixth Committee's deliberations on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters

It is not hyperbole to say that sea level rise poses a serious existential threat to many Member States

This is especially true for the SIDS where fertile lands are being destroyed, millions of people are being forced to migrate or relocate and imperative questions are emerging about the future of their statehood

We therefore owe it to all those affected communities to ensure predictability, sustainability, and security amidst the climate crisis.

We must ensure that the General Assembly and Main Committees – including the Sixth Committee – create adequate space to ponder over and address these vexing challenges including the implications for international law.

With a view to giving impetus to this crucial dialogue I will also convene an informal plenary meeting on 3 November featuring Member States and independent experts

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treaties and other sources of international law are maintained and honoured

It behooves us to agree clear and practical rules.

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In each of my statements to the main committees, of which this is the sixth and final, I have raised the issue of programme planning. As you would recall, this year the Committee for Programme and Coordination was not able to agree on 10 programmes, which were subsequently referred to the Main Committees. I understand that this has been dealt with by the Committee already, and a letter from the chair has already been conveyed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee.

In this regard, the Sixth Committee's habit of seeking consensus-based solutions even in difficult times is admirable. I urge all delegations to engage in that spirit of consensus building throughout the Session.

As an anchor of our multilateral system, consensus is especially important as it reflects the principle of sovereign equality of States wherein all perspectives including the voices of the most countries in vulnerable situations are heard and accommodated to the extent possible.