

OUR COMMON AGENDA

Greece's priorities and proposals on New Agenda for Peace

Greece's from the first moment welcomed SG's Report "Our Common Agenda" and was actively involved in the thematic discussions that took place in the first half of 2022. Regarding the proposed New Agenda for Peace, Greece wishes to recall the positions it outlined during the thematic discussion no. 3, on "Frameworks for a peaceful world – promoting peace, international law and digital cooperation", through which it presented some core elements of its national vision on the means to advance our collective peace and security.

To begin with, Greece staunch and unfailing support to the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter stems not only from its democratic tradition and status as a founding member of the Organization but also from its conviction that promoting and upholding them is a prerequisite for attaining the Organization's main objectives, namely international peace, security, development and promotion of human rights.

The **peaceful settlement of disputes** is among the very principles that form the bedrock of the UN. Greece fully adheres to the principle of peaceful settlement of international disputes and seeks to promote a wide array of tools for their prevention and resolution, based on the primacy of international law, as set out in Chapter VI of the UN Charter. Moreover, Greece is a firm proponent of the rules – based multilateral system, which stipulates that the UN members should **refrain from the threat or use of force** against other members. This principle should be in the epicenter of the New Agenda for peace.

Recent years have been marked by the emergence of new threats and challenges such as terrorism, environmental degradation, fake news, large-scale health crises, cybercrime, as well as cherry – picking and arbitrary interpretation of international law and treaties. In this respect, Greece place particular importance to the issue of **instrumentalization of refugee / migratory flows and of religious communities** for the promotion of foreign policy objectives, that should be adequately reflected in the New Agenda for peace.

At the same time technological breakthroughs and the fast-paced digital transformation presents us with the strategic opportunity to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Greece shares the New Agenda's vision and supports UN efforts to place women and girls at the center of security policy, building on the framework of the **Agenda on Women, Peace and Security (WPS)**. Equally, Greece is convinced that peace and security is better served by free and independent media, which we strongly support especially in this digital age.

Greece subscribes to the need suggested in "Our Common Agenda" to find new and innovative ways, which can assist the UN to fulfill its mission. **The New Agenda for Peace put forward by the Secretary General is full of ideas seeking to strengthen international foresight and build the necessary capacities to identify and adapt to new peace and security risks. These are inspiring ideas and ignite up a long overdue discussion in which Greece seeks actively to participate.**