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UN Celebrates 75 Years of Charter

June 26, 2020 (New York, FSMUN) – In the aftermath and the devastation of wars and a dark history of modern humankind, on this day 75 years ago, in the city of San Francisco, the world came together to sign the Charter of the United Nations. Conceived with the idea to save succeeding generations from war, this historic document founded a new global organization to maintain international peace and security; promote social progress and better standards of life; strengthen international law; and promote human rights.

The story of Micronesia is closely linked to the United Nations. Having brought up as a child of the United Nation's trust territory system, we all recall the euphoria that pervaded that historic day in September 1991, when Micronesia took the long-awaited step to become a member of the organization. Speaking on that historic day as the first Micronesian President to ever address the UN General Assembly, President Bailey Olter proudly declared,

“BECAUSE THE PRINCIPLES WHICH BROUGHT OUR PEOPLE TOGETHER UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION ARE SO CLOSELY RELATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THIS BODY'S CHARTER, WE HAVE NATURALLY FOUND OURSELVES IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE EXPRESSIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.”

In these unprecedented times with the existential threat of climate change, an ocean under pressure, and the COVID-19 pandemic, among a plethora of issues confronting our planet, the United Nations is more needed than ever. International solidarity and cooperation are needed if we are to overcome these crises and build back a greener and bluer planet.

As we reflect on the 75 years of our august Organization's journey – the challenges, and its successes – we look to the future we want, with renewed confidence and collective actions, let us cooperate and ensure that our Organization is fit for purpose and relevant to even its smallest member.

Happy 75th anniversary to the UN Charter.