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political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **At the Intersection of Global Challenges: the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity Plays a Role**

The realization of international human rights and solidarity currently confronts numerous urgent challenges, with escalating regional conflicts such as the Russian Federation-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas conflicts being at the forefront. These conflicts have caused immense human and economic losses, displacing millions and exacerbating the global refugee crisis. Additionally, the relentless progression of climate change poses severe risks to vulnerable populations, threatening their fundamental rights to health, safety, and sustainable development. The widening economic disparities between and within countries undermine efforts to achieve equitable growth and protect economic, social, and cultural rights. Furthermore, the digital divide and data privacy and security issues are becoming increasingly significant, impacting the rights to privacy and access to information. The backdrop of weakened global cooperation and rising nationalism exacerbates these challenges, hindering collective action and undermining frameworks designed to support international human rights and solidarity.

We deeply understand that in today's world of conflicts and global issues, international solidarity and human rights protection are not only about moral and universal human rights values but are also indispensable considerations in policy-making. Every country should participate in international solidarity not merely out of self-interest but out of a commitment to the common welfare of all humanity. Our future depends on the choices and actions we take today. The role of the Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity is to promote cooperation among countries to address these pressing international issues. Her responsibilities involve monitoring and evaluating countries' performances in the human rights field, making recommendations, and fostering dialogue and cooperation between nations.

We welcome the United Nations "Summit of the Future." This summit is a platform for global leaders to discuss future international cooperation models, review the current global governance structure, define new action frameworks, and propose a vision for global cooperation in the coming decades. This summit provides a unique opportunity to redefine and strengthen international solidarity globally. The Independent Expert bears a special responsibility at this summit to use it as a platform to advance our core mission—strengthening international solidarity and protecting and promoting global human rights. Her expertise and independent perspective will help policymakers understand how to address global challenges through international solidarity; her recommendations and analyses will likely significantly impact the summit's decision-making process. Seize this opportunity to facilitate establishing a more just and inclusive global governance system.

In this regard, We would like to share a few preliminary suggestions :

### **1. Governance Reform Recommendations:**

Provide the summit with recommendations for strengthening international cooperation and promoting human rights protection. The Independent Expert's contribution will enhance international law and the global human rights framework, ensuring global actions' legal basis and moral legitimacy. Ensure that the new global governance structure better reflects the principles of international solidarity and universal human rights values. For instance, propose establishing an international platform to share best practices and strategies for human rights protection.

### **2. Building Bridges of Communication:**

Use the independent position to foster communication between countries. Collaborate with representatives from various nations to discuss and promote the formulation of specific action plans, especially addressing the most urgent global challenges. Ensure that human rights protection is fully considered in implementing these plans.

Promote dialogue and understanding between countries with different cultural and political backgrounds, reduce misunderstandings and conflicts through education and cultural exchange programs, and enhance international trust and cooperation.

### **3. Raising Awareness and Emphasizing International Solidarity:**

Through the Independent Expert's speeches and participation at the Future Summit, emphasize the importance of international solidarity for maintaining global stability and human rights. Raise international awareness of specific human rights issues which are overlooked and encourage global leaders to pay more attention to these issues. More importantly, call on global leaders and the international community to recognize and support her work.

We are critical in transforming international relations and the global governance system. International solidarity should not be seen merely as an ideal but as a practical tool for addressing these crises. The Independent Expert's collaboration with national governments, international organizations, and civil society, making recommendations and measures, has achieved remarkable success in helping to resolve international disputes, reducing human rights violations, and strengthening the observance and implementation of international law. Under her promotion, the international community can strengthen dialogue and cooperation, jointly addressing global issues with a more open and inclusive mindset. Ultimately, this will build a more just and equitable world and achieve genuine international solidarity. We also look forward to further dialogue with the Independent Expert to explore practical actions we can take to effectively promote international solidarity and human rights protection in this changing international environment.

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