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EU priorities at the 76th United Nations General Assembly

The Council today approved conclusions setting out the EU's priorities at the United Nations during the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (September 2021 – September 2022).

In its conclusions, the Council stresses that **multilateralism** remains the most effective means to govern global relations in a way that **benefits all**. For this reason, the EU and its member states will continue to promote effective multilateralism by bringing global actors together towards common global solutions, in order to ensure a safer and more stable world and a sustainable, inclusive global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EU and its member states will continue to support the UN as the indispensable forum for international cooperation and the cornerstone of the multilateral system, rooted in respect for international law, including international human rights law and international humanitarian law. Against this background, the EU will continue to contribute to the effective implementation of the UN reforms, working together towards a UN that is fit for purpose, and for the global challenges and geopolitics of the 21st century.

For the coming year, the EU will focus on key priorities such as **building back better** after the COVID-19 pandemic, **making the world safer** and promoting peace and security and human rights, winning the **race against climate change** and restoring the relationship with nature, and shaping the **global digital agenda**.

The conclusions affirm that in a rapidly evolving world, a strong and dynamic partnership between the EU and the UN is more important than ever, and this cooperation should be reinforced by establishing a **regular EU-UN Summit**.

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