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**MESSAGE TO 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION**

Sopot, Poland, 31 August to 4 September 2015

I am pleased to convey greetings to all those gathered for the 28th General Assembly of the World Veterans Federation.

As you commemorate the 65th anniversary of your organization, the United Nations is marking years since its founding Charter was adopted in the aftermath of the Second World War.

The United Nations can look back on a proud record of working with many partners to dismantle colonialism, defeat deadly diseases, triumph over apartheid, advance international law, keep the peace in troubled areas and articulate a body of treaties to safeguard every person's birthright to freedom, equality and dignity.

At the same time, the world has still not found the lasting stability the founders had envisaged. The United Nations continues to work around the world, and around the clock, to confront the emergencies of the day while building the foundations for a better tomorrow.

As we look ahead to implementing a new development agenda and strengthening climate action, the United Nations will count on the engagement of citizens and organizations across the world. Achieving peace, sustainable development, and human rights for all is a job for "we the peoples".

I thank the World Veterans Foundation for its efforts to support UN causes and activities, from peacekeeping to humanitarian action. You who know first-hand the horrors of armed conflict will remain good partners in our efforts to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. Please accept my best wishes for a successful general assembly.