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We do not hesitate to offer help to all those who need it, to friends and strangers, to those who are near and those who are far away. We do good for its own sake and in the service of humankind. We do not expect thanks or compensation. We only seek God’s mercy and guidance to help you and others, regardless of who they are.

— **His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan,**
the Founding Father of the United Arab Emirates



Stronger Together

Much has changed since the United Arab Emirates ended its last term on the Security Council in 1987. The world looks markedly different today than it did just a year ago, and the coronavirus and its impacts have left no country or society untouched.

The global pandemic has **underscored the importance of global cooperation**. The UAE is deeply committed to building bridges among peoples and nations and facilitating dialogue with global partners. Multilateralism has always been the cornerstone of UAE foreign policy and that commitment has only intensified since we joined the UN in 1971. We believe that **long-term peace and security is more sustainable when the international community works together**.

The pandemic has also brought three undeniable truths to the forefront of our approach:

- 1. Women are fundamental to our societies and they must remain engaged in confronting the world’s most difficult problems.** Across the globe, women are essential workers on the front lines of the crisis and have demonstrated their leadership in combatting COVID-19 as civil servants, scientists and first responders. The disproportionate challenges faced by women and girls during the pandemic should accelerate international efforts to achieve gender equality.
- 2. We must be better prepared to deal with opportunities and crises in the future.** The climate crisis is already here. But there is still time to mitigate its worst impacts. There is no excuse for being unprepared. The health of

the planet depends on it—and our health and wellbeing demands better preparedness for future crises. While we respond to the crisis at hand, we must also ensure that we’re taking full advantage of all our resources to prepare for the next challenge. Harnessing the opportunities of the fourth industrial revolution requires **scientific and digital innovation**. Research and technology have accelerated our response to the virus and hold promising solutions for other global challenges.

- 3. Progress in our interdependent world will require the cooperation of the international community,** a strong and capable United Nations system, and an effective UN Security Council.

As a dynamic and forward-looking country—and the second largest economy in our region—the UAE is profoundly aware that the UN and its organs are indispensable, particularly in a region facing as many challenges as ours. This is especially true as we work toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, protect the planet and improve lives everywhere. The UAE was active in the creation of the SDGs, which today are embedded into the work of all government agencies. The UAE’s commitment to achieving the SDGs at home is further reflected in our support for other

countries in their economic and social development, and all UAE development frameworks are now aligned with SDG benchmarks.

It is important that the UN adapts to a rapidly changing world. In this spirit, the UAE has worked to transparently facilitate progress among Member States and groups as co-chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform during the 72nd, 73rd, and 74th Sessions of the UN General Assembly because we believe that an inclusive and dynamic Security Council is in all our best interests.

During this period, when faith in the international order has been shaken and multilateralism has been severely tested, the UAE will continue to ardently defend the Charter of the United Nations and the continued vitality of its mission.

The UAE seeks elected membership to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2022-2023 term. Our goal is to advance inclusion, build resilience, spur innovation and secure peace for generations to come.



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Advancing Inclusion



More than **200 nationalities** call the UAE home. In 2022, we will complete The Abrahamic Family House, a landmark interfaith complex in Abu Dhabi that will include a church, a synagogue, and a mosque.



2/3 of university graduates are women.



Emirati women hold **2/3 of public sector jobs** and half of our Parliament seats.



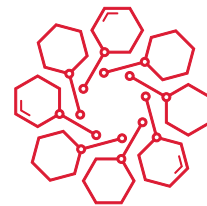
Abu Dhabi was the **first Middle East city** to host the Special Olympics with **7,500 athletes** from more than **190 countries** competing in **24 events**.

Spurring Innovation



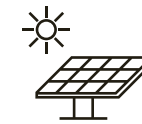
The Emirates launched the Arab world's **first mission to Mars**—the first planetary science mission led by an Arab country.

The UAE appointed the **world's first Minister of Artificial Intelligence**.



The UAE helped launch the SG's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, which provided **five sets of recommendations** to build a more inclusive and secure digital economy.

Building Resilience



Based in Abu Dhabi, the **world's largest solar project** reduces carbon emissions by **1 million tons per year** (or **200,000 cars off the road**).

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in Abu Dhabi drives energy cooperation among **180+ countries**.



\$1 Billion

We've provided nearly **\$1 billion** for renewable energy projects in over **40 countries** since 2013.

We facilitated more than **85% of the WHO's global medical response to COVID-19** through the International Humanitarian City in Dubai.



World Health Organization



We've delivered COVID-19 supplies to **assist more than 1 million medical workers** in **65+ countries**.

Securing Peace



We are partnering with UN Women to train **300+ women** from the Middle East, Asia and Africa in military and peacekeeping skills.

We've extended residency to **100,000+ Syrian nationals** and pledged and delivered over **\$1 billion in humanitarian aid** to assist innocent victims.

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\$1 Billion



We've contributed more than **\$5.59 billion in aid to Yemen** since 2015 in coordination with the UN.





Advancing Inclusion

Our multicultural, inclusive society embodies what can be achieved by **embracing human potential**. And we believe the United Nations represents the best of what can happen when people of diverse perspectives come together for the greater good.

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Gender equality and women's empowerment are economic and moral imperatives. The UAE will do all that we can to empower women and girls because it is our national strategy, because it is smart foreign policy, and because it is the cornerstone of a more sustainable economic model and a more stable political order.

— **H.E. Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh,**
Permanent Representative of the UAE to the UN

A **progressive, inclusive vision** has guided our country for almost 50 years, just as it inspired our nation to adopt the SDGs with our UN partners in 2015.

Achieving the SDGs will help us all realize a more just and inclusive world, which is why we are committed to these goals both at home and abroad.

In the UAE, men and women are equal partners. We guarantee women equal rights under the law, protect the rights of women in the workplace, and encourage women's higher education.

- **Almost a third** of Cabinet-level ministers in the UAE are women.
- **Two thirds of public sector jobs** are held by women.
- **Half of our Parliament seats** are held by women.
- **70% of university graduates** in the UAE are women.
- **Half** of the UAE space program's technicians are women.
- **77% of the UAE's students** taking computer science courses and **45% of those in engineering** courses are women.

In 2022, we will complete the Abrahamic Family House—a church, a synagogue, and a mosque all on the same site. A place of learning, dialogue, and worship, its design and programming will embody the shared values of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

During the first-ever Catholic Papal visit to the Arabian Peninsula in 2019, Pope Francis and Dr. Ahmed el-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, signed the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, creating the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity. The Committee comprises scholars as well as cultural and religious leaders dedicated to fostering peace and mutual understanding.

In the UAE, persons with disabilities are referred to as “People of Determination” in recognition of their achievements across different fields. The UAE promotes the rights of persons with disabilities through its national policies and strategies, as part of promoting and protecting human rights that guarantee a high quality of life for all. In 2019, Abu Dhabi became the first city in the Middle East to host the Special Olympics World Games with approximately 7,500 athletes from more than 190 countries that competed in 24 events.

The empowerment of youth has been a core focus of the UAE's social development and economic growth strategy. At least one young Emirati must be on the board of directors of any government entity, and a dedicated Minister of State for Youth ensures that the views and needs of young people will inform policymaking. Our progressive culture and celebration of entrepreneurial spirit also attracts young people to the UAE from around the world. For the last eight years, Arab youth have named the UAE as the **top place** they would like to live and work.



Key Fact

More than **200 nationalities** call the UAE home. The UAE is proud to host dozens of Christian churches, two Hindu temples, a Jewish synagogue, a Sikh temple, and a Buddhist monastery.

Our work at the UN reflects our commitment to inclusion at all levels.

Just as we promote gender equality at home, we empower women to shape and lead their communities and societies across the world through the UN system.

The UAE has supported UN Women since its inception in 2010. We served as a member of the Executive Board from 2013 to 2018, and Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh, the UAE's Permanent Representative to the UN, served as its President in 2017. Between 2010 and 2018, the UAE provided more than \$26 million in voluntary contributions to UN Women.

The UAE has encouraged the Security Council to invite more young leaders to discuss their individual experiences in pursuit of peace and security in their societies.

We are a signatory to the **UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)** and the optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which encourage national and international action to secure rights and protections for all citizens.

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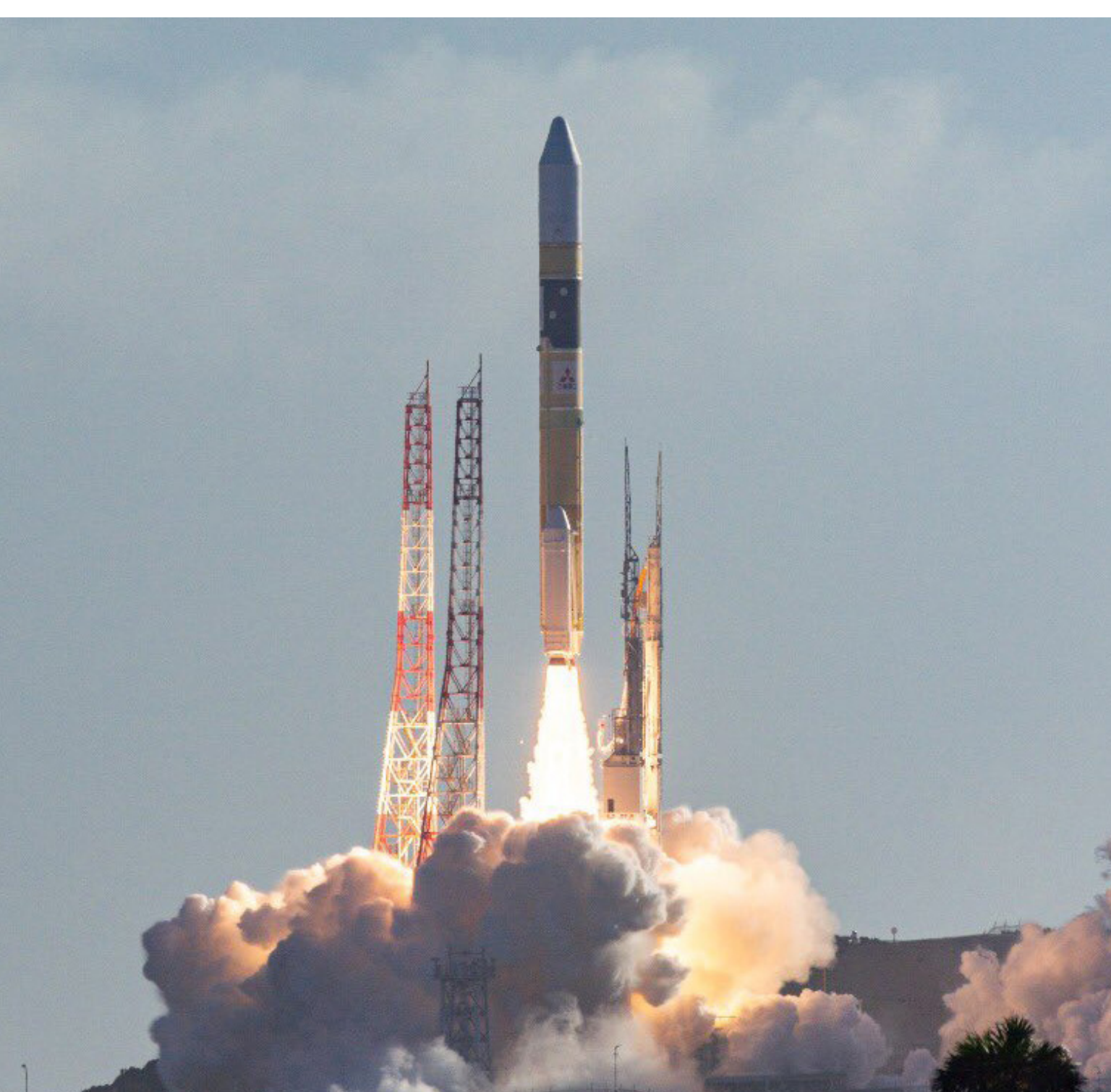
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On the UN Security Council,
the UAE pledges to:

- » **Continue to embrace dialogue to resolve conflicts.**
- » Promote the meaningful **participation of women in all international peace and security efforts**, including peacekeeping, peacebuilding and conflict prevention.
- » **Push for progress in implementing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.**





Spurring Innovation

Advancements in technology are rapidly transforming society and have great potential to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. Achieving technology's potential means working together to promote a more inclusive digital economy that leaves no one behind. This requires effective digital cooperation – which means strengthening **cross-border collaboration**.

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Innovation is a driving force for humanity and a catalyst for the development of vital sectors and a global language whose owners share a passion for developing experiences, tools and solutions to the challenges.

— **H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum,**
Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates,
and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai.

The UAE is a nation that embraces digitization of government services and a **technology-forward approach to problem-solving**.

We hope to bring this perspective to the Security Council so we can help tackle complex problems with a forward-thinking approach.

As a commercial and creative melting pot in a global transit hub, we want to help nations work together to seize the opportunities of technology in order to achieve human progress. Our country is a symbol of what can be achieved through collaboration. This is why we work so hard to bring people together.

Each year we host the World Government Summit to explore how technology and innovation will shape future governance.

Abu Dhabi's Sustainability Week brings together the brightest minds from policy, technology, and other fields to find **innovative solutions to address the climate crisis and sustainable development**.

We have expanded **educational and economic opportunities** for millions of Emiratis and others from around our region. From investments in international scholarships to partnerships with the world's best universities like New York University and the

Sorbonne Université, we are determined to use the power of education to brighten the future of our region.

Our National Innovation Strategy has spurred state-of-the-art technology accelerators like Abu Dhabi's Hub71 and Dubai's Area 2071. These are designed to help entrepreneurs, investors, academics, and policymakers **collaborate**.

The Emirates launched the Arab world's first mission to Mars, which will help **scientists around the world better understand** the planet's atmospheric changes and climate cycles. This marks the **first planetary science mission led by an Arab country** and is the culmination of years of innovative programs to help Emirati youth pursue careers in science and technology. A third of the Emirati team working on the Mars satellite **are women**, and **90% are under 35**.



Digital technologies have the power to strengthen global cooperation and help us achieve the SDGs more efficiently.

The UAE supported UN Secretary-General António Guterres to fulfill his vision to **launch the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation** in June 2018. The UAE was represented on the panel by H.E. Mohammad bin Abdullah Al Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and the Future.

The ensuing panel report provided **five sets of recommendations** to strengthen global digital cooperation, build a more inclusive digital economy, and promote digital trust and security. Since then, the UAE has served as co-champion with Germany for the recommendation on global digital cooperation, working with all stakeholder groups on recommendations for current mechanisms, and the role of the UN.

At the UN, and in our diplomatic engagement

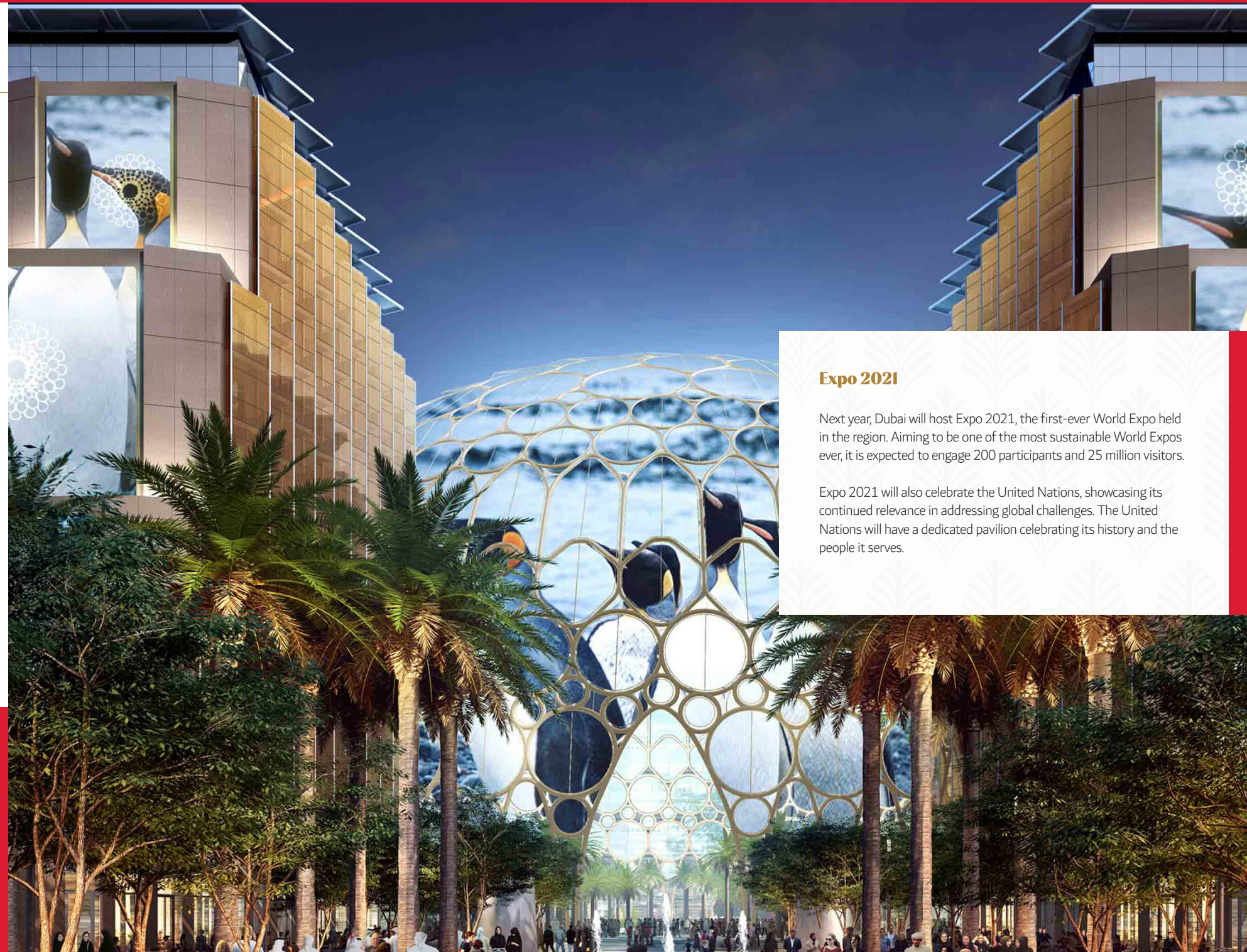
around the world, the UAE is working to harness emerging technologies for the benefit of all – including helping Member States take advantage of digital technologies to accelerate SDGs, and prioritizing bridging digital divides. For example, in 2019 we organized the annual UAE Public Policy Forum around the theme “**Accelerating SDGs Implementation: A Future Policy Roadmap**” in order to bring together local and international leaders to examine and advise how big data, information communication technologies, digitization, and Internet of Things can accelerate SDG implementation locally and globally.

We look forward to building on the **strong momentum around digital cooperation** and continuing to lead at the UN as a convenor, facilitator, and initiator of new ideas.

Expo 2021

Next year, Dubai will host Expo 2021, the first-ever World Expo held in the region. Aiming to be one of the most sustainable World Expos ever, it is expected to engage 200 participants and 25 million visitors.

Expo 2021 will also celebrate the United Nations, showcasing its continued relevance in addressing global challenges. The United Nations will have a dedicated pavilion celebrating its history and the people it serves.



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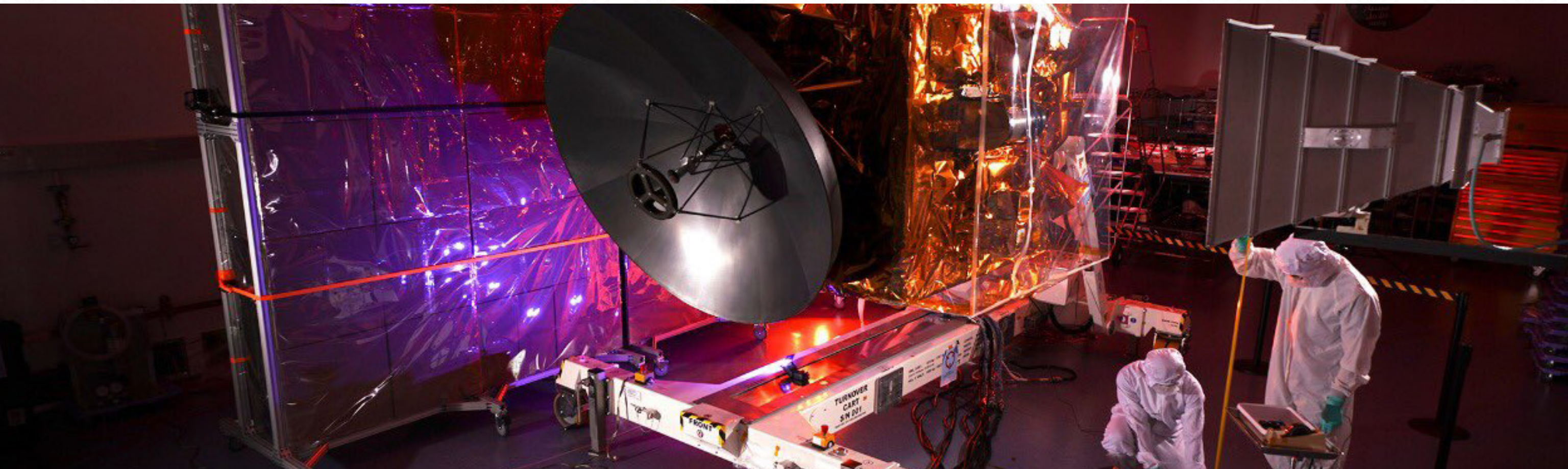
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On the UN Security Council,
the UAE pledges to:

- » Encourage the Council to go beyond its current reactive approach and be more forward-looking to **better prepare for future challenges**.
- » Encourage the Council to **consider the impact of technology**, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), on peace and security.



Building Resilience

As a relatively young country, we are **uniquely positioned** to help developing countries achieve their own visions for growth. That is why we have become a major donor to economic development and humanitarian response. For the last five years, the UAE has been the **world's most generous donor relative to gross national income** and has provided assistance to more than 175 countries.



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The [Sustainable Development] Goals enshrine a new way of understanding and undertaking development in a holistic manner. No longer is it solely a measure of how much people earn or how long they live, but about how they experience life. It takes into account a tremendous range of factors, from the plastic floating in their oceans, through mental well-being and happiness, to their ownership of a mobile phone. Moreover, the new definition puts the emphasis on the long-term. Development that cannot provide for future generations economically, environmentally, and socially is not true development.

— **H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan,**
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

At the heart of our efforts is the belief that part of **building resilient economies and infrastructure is acknowledging the reality of climate change.**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reflect how climate change and poverty are inextricably linked. For example, by promoting sustainable agriculture and creating wide-spread access to clean water and sanitation, we will be able to end hunger and improve life expectancy.

As Secretary-General Guterres has emphasized, the years ahead are an opportunity to “build back better” and leverage the UN system to realize its full potential to create more resilient institutions and societies.

The UAE plays a central role in the world’s energy economy, and we take our responsibility to help address climate change seriously. The reality of the climate crisis makes it **imperative that societies invest in future sources of energy on a transformative scale** and build global resiliency to address the changes already affecting the world.

We were one of the first oil-producing countries to ratify the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Convention on Climate Change in 2005, and we quickly ratified the Paris Agreement of 2015. We have set an ambitious target to **source half of our energy needs from renewable or zero-emission nuclear sources by 2050** as well as banning domestic uranium enrichment as part of an international gold-standard non-proliferation agreement for peaceful, civilian nuclear power.

In 2019, we launched the world’s largest solar project – the Noor Abu Dhabi solar power plant – which reduces carbon emissions by one million tons per year, the equivalent of **taking 200,000 cars off the road.**

Our \$15 billion Masdar initiative is developing future energy sources and technologies, as well as investing in innovative ways to reduce water usage and improve energy efficiency.

Just as we are taking swift and meaningful action to address climate change at home, we are committed to helping other nations accelerate the transition to climate resilient economies. **Our foreign assistance for renewable energy projects totals nearly \$1 billion since 2013**, supporting more than 40 countries.

We created the UAE-Caribbean Renewable Energy Fund, which is the largest initiative of its kind in the region and supports renewable energy projects in 16 nations. Similarly, the UAE-Pacific Partnership Fund has provided \$50 million in grants to support renewable energy projects in 11 Pacific Island countries.

In addition to increasing aid to the people and communities that are most vulnerable to climate change – such as Small Island Developing States – we have also **adapted our foreign aid program to align with all 17 SDGs.**

In recent years, the UAE has also emerged as a **global hub for aid agencies** to respond to crises and quickly reach people in need, regardless of who they are or where they live. The UAE facilitated more than **85% of the World Health Organization’s global medical response to COVID-19** through the International Humanitarian City in Dubai, a critical logistics and supply center for nine UN agencies. We also **delivered medical supplies to more than 53 countries.**



Headquartered in Abu Dhabi, the **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)** is driving cooperation among more than 180 countries to accelerate renewable energy adoption and support nations that are most vulnerable to climate change.

The UAE and IRENA partnered to launch the **Renewable Talks** – a quarterly series that brings together the diplomatic community to address the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the industry, including how **renewable energy can be a stimulus for the global recovery from COVID-19**.

We are collaborating with the UN and its partners across the globe to help countries achieve the SDGs by 2030. In 2019, the Abu Dhabi Climate Meeting brought together more than 1,600 people from 160 countries – including government officials, business leaders, youth delegates, and climate experts – to shape the UN Climate Action Summit later that year. The UAE **was proud to host the global preparatory meeting and will continue to convene leaders** to develop actionable solutions to climate change.

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It is clear that climate change threatens decades of development progress and places in jeopardy all our plans for inclusive and sustainable development... Yet it is also true that tackling climate change provides an opportunity to consolidate and accelerate development gains through cleaner air, improved public health and greater security for nations and economies.

– UN Secretary-General António Guterres



On the UN Security Council,
the UAE pledges to:

- » Work to build consensus that acknowledges **climate-related security risks in Security Council outcomes**.
- » **Address the security impact of climate-related risks**, such as desertification and droughts in conflict-specific situations.
- » **Increase engagement with Small Island Developing States** that are at heightened risk due to climate change.





Securing Peace

Our efforts to create a more **inclusive, sustainable, and innovative** society will only succeed with a secure foundation. The UAE has a history of active cooperation on the most pressing global challenges. In everything we do, and especially in diplomacy, the UAE has been guided since its founding by the deeply held **belief that we are stronger united** than apart. This belief is the foundation of our approach to achieving **international peace and security**. A multilateral approach is more critical than ever to respond to increasingly complex threats to global peace and stability.

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Strengthening the implementation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations... are the core pillars of preventing the collapse of international order and preserving relations among states.

— **H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan,**
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

The world can only be considered secure when it is **inclusive and safe for all its people**, including their economic wellbeing, health, and human rights.

Through equal access to meaningful engagement in society for all **men and women, and all ages, races, and religions**, we create countries and regions that are safer and more stable. The UAE intimately understands this, **acting as a force for equality and moderation**, both in the Middle East and around the world.

The UAE is at the center of **global dynamics**. We are the physical trade and transport hub linking Asia, Africa, and Europe, and we are also an active global citizen focused on fighting extremism, promoting non-proliferation of weapons, and fostering moderation in our own region.

We are committed to the stability of the Middle East region and to our role as a moderating force within it, **fighting extremism and terrorism** wherever they exist.

The UAE has sought to mediate between parties in conflict, de-escalate tensions, and develop inclusive political processes to ensure peaceful and durable transitions out of conflict. We believe in Palestine's right to self-determination and a two-state solution founded on pre-1967 borders, the upholding of international law, and the Geneva Conventions.

We also believe in doing our part as a member of the Arab League to build solidarity and address the root causes of conflict in our region. The traditional crisis management approach has not worked in the Middle East; the UAE is committed to working in partnership with Arab League countries to resolve the challenges and divisions that prevent us from realizing our full potential.

One such root cause of conflict in our region and around the world is extremist ideology. To empower our citizens at all levels, we created the global think tank Hedayah in partnership with other members of the Global Counterterrorism Forum to provide communities and governments with tools to counter extremism and terrorist recruitment efforts. We have also **worked to disrupt terrorist financing** through close monitoring, strict enforcement of national and international laws against financing terrorism, and aggressive anti-money-laundering initiatives.



The UAE is an active contributor to the UN on efforts to advance international peace and security.

Our approach to collective security extends beyond the prevention of war to encompass the stability of people confronting a wide range of circumstances. Security from a changing climate, gender inequality, and economic harm are all vital for the stability of our region and world.

Security is both an outcome and a process, and each is strengthened when women are leading. Women play a vital role in maintaining peace and security in their communities and countries. The UAE has helped advance the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda at the United Nations and cosponsored Resolution 2492, urging countries to **embrace the integration of women at every stage in peace processes** in honor of the 20th anniversary of the UN's landmark WPS resolution.

We will bring to the Security Council our commitment to ensuring the meaningful participation of women in peace negotiations, conflict prevention, peacekeeping operations, and political missions.

The UAE's commitment to WPS manifests itself through the Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak Women, Peace and Security Initiative at the Khawla bint al Azwar Military Academy, which was launched in partnership with UN Women to train women from our

region and other parts of the global South in military and peacekeeping skills. Our goal is to prepare a **new generation of women military professionals** for leadership roles in UN peacekeeping operations. The program's graduates have included women from Africa and Asia, furthering the diversity of gender perspectives across all UN peace and security efforts.

The UAE also supports the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability

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The WPS agenda is not only morally imperative for women's empowerment and gender equality, it is also critical to preventing conflict and building sustainable peace... Women are our first-responders, our community and family pillars, and agents of change. The UAE remains committed to this vision.

— H.E. Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh

for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (UNITAD), working to collect, preserve, and store evidence of the most serious crimes committed by the terror group in Iraq and Syria.

Through the UN Office of Counterterrorism (UNOCT) and other UN entities, we have worked to build the capacity of Member States to prevent extremism and combat terrorism, mainly in the Middle East and North Africa region. We have focused on

countering terrorist financing and holding financiers accountable. We have fought extremist exploitation of online platforms by promoting counternarratives and have **strengthened the role of youth and women** in prevention efforts.

The UAE has co-sponsored Security Council resolutions on countering terrorism by cracking down on terrorist financing and examining links between international terrorism and organized crime. **This includes calling on the Security Council to hold Member States accountable** for financing terrorists. We have also recommended providing training to Member States when the Security Council adopts resolutions that create new obligations to curb terrorist financing.

In the face of a humanitarian crisis in Syria, we have extended residency permits to more than 100,000 Syrian nationals to enter our country. We also **pledged and delivered over US \$1 billion in humanitarian aid to assist the innocent victims of that conflict.**

We are a strong supporter of international maritime security, and we support the fight against maritime piracy by providing technical assistance and capacity building to states along global shipping lanes.

The UAE helps fund a broad range of UN aid programs including UNICEF, UNDP and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and is one of the largest donors to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

A commitment to non-proliferation underpins stable security architectures around the world. The UAE therefore considers the establishment of a Middle East free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction a priority and long overdue goal. We work closely with the International Atomic Energy Agency and its global partners to achieve the goals of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).



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On the UN Security Council,
the UAE pledges to:

- » Be a leading voice for **moderation and dialogue** in the Middle East.
- » Help sustain political will and advance multilateral cooperation to **combat terrorism and extremism**.
- » Promote continued efforts to achieve a more robust non-proliferation regime in our region and around the world.





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