



Honoring Mr. António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations



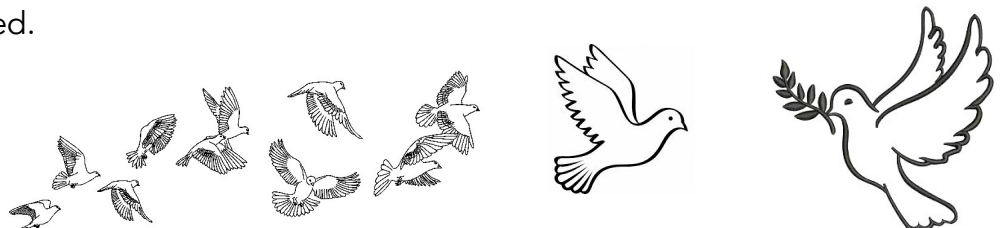
Being the Secretary-General of the United Nations is not a responsibility that fell from the sky upon a good man. The United Nations is the greatest International Organization of the entire planet Earth, advocating for Peace and safety, energy transition and quality of life. An organization that was created under President Roosevelt in 1945, by 29 nations who decided to ratify the UN Charter because they were tired of wars, corruption and inequalities. And the United Nations, right now, is led by such an honorable, brilliant man and political hero, who has dedicated his entire life and career to making this world a better place.



Mr. António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres is a pioneer in international leadership with 75 years of experience of being an Angel among us. I can't believe I forgot your birthday, a Taurus of course, Happy Birthday, Sir!! Our Secretary-General was born in Portugal, and studied physics and electrical engineering at the *Instituto Superior Técnico – Technical University of Lisbon*. His commitment to the energy transition is an entire journey of life, carrying an evolutionary message to save the future generations.

Before becoming Prime Minister of Portugal in 1995, Mr. Guterres was a **Deputy in the Portuguese National Parliament** and participated in Portugal's entry into the European Union. From June 2005 until 2015, his international career began as a **High-Commissioner for refugees at the United Nations**. I was still a child, while this man was already bringing assistance to refugees from natural catastrophes and the Syrian war. After working with refugees, and growing up in close collaboration with a Catholic Priest, additionally to his engineering background, Mr. Guterres was always guided by empathy, curiosity and BOLD SPEECH, when necessary.

This is what amazed me, the first time I heard him speak at the UN Assembly, and probably what seduced and encouraged 15 members of the **International Security Council to vote for his commissioning as Secretary-General of the United Nations in 2016**. He took office in January 2017 and was re-elected in 2021. Despite the challenges, the Secretary-General of the United Nations always speaks with integrity to defend human rights, to guide political decisions and ensure that international laws are respected and implemented.





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In 2023, Mr. Guterres declared that the “Nuclear blackmail must end”, as it is often a block for international negotiations and interventions in armed conflicts. He often calls for Governments’ accountability and stands firm, even in front of main stream ideas. Mr. Secretary-General declared, in an interview, that the most important of the Global Goals is **Quality Education**, because this is where it all starts. Academic skills are the foundations of our system, while core values and mindset are essential for a culture. Diversity can only exist among respect and acceptance.

For this Memorial Day, let’s celebrate the leaders who are still among us and let them know that we are grateful for their lives of devotion and climate action. You thought of us before we did, asked the right questions to spark a light in our brain, gave us hope and determination to get involved. Masters don’t make followers. They create the next generation of leaders. Bless us and open your door, so we can share new moments together and continue your legacy according to your vision, kindness, humor and dedication. Mr. President, this man is LEGION. And, as Rihanna would say, I want you stay!!



“IT MUST BE A GAME-CHANGING CLIMATE ACTION”.



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António Guterres

Delivers his goals for 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC.

"We need to change the mindset of decision making. Don't focus solely on what may happen to you today, look at what will happen to all of us tomorrow, and act. We have an obligation to act in deep and systemic ways; After all, the world is not moving incrementally. Technology is not moving incrementally. Climate distraction is not moving incrementally. We cannot move incrementally. This is not a time for thinking, it's a time for transformation. It starts with the *UN Charter* and the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. This year, marks the 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration*. The distillation of our shared mission to uphold and uplift our common humanity. It was bold, ambitious and audacious. And we need to take inspiration from its Spirit and its substance. The Declaration reminds us that the inherent dignity and equally inalienable rights of all members of the Human family is the foundation for freedom justice and peace. When I look at human rights, in the brothers sense, with the XXIst century lens, I see a roadmap out of the dead end. Excellences, It starts with the **right to Peace**. The Russian invasion of Ukraine is inflicting untold suffering to Ukrainian people with profound global implications. The prospect for peace keep diminishing. The chance is a further escalation and blood share keep growing. I fear the world is not sleep walking into a wider war. I fear it's doing so with its eyes wide open. But the world needs peace, and peace in line with the United Nations Charter and international law. We must work harder for peace everywhere:

In **Palestine and Israel**, where the two-state solution is growing more distant by the day.

In **Afghanistan**, where the rights of women and girls are being trampled and deadly terrorist effects continue.

In **Israel**, where security is deteriorating at alarming rates.

In **Myanmar**, which is facing new cycles of violence and repression.

In **Haiti**, where gang violence is holding the entire country hostage.

And elsewhere around the world for the two billions people who live in countries affected by conflict and humanitarian crisis.



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Excellences, if every country fulfills its obligations under the Charter, the right to peace will be guaranteed. When countries break those pledges, they create a world of insecurity for everyone so it's time to transform our approach to peace by recommitting to the Charter putting human rights and dignity first, with prevention at the heart. And that requires the holistic view of the Peace continuum that identifies root causes and prevents the seeds of war from sprouting. World that invests in prevention, focuses on mediation, advances on peace building that includes a much broader participation of women and young people. These are core elements in our plan to revitalize a world in transition and the new leaders in the strategic competition."



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- Provides food and assistance to 128 million people in 80 countries
- Supplies vaccines to 45% of the world's children, helps save 3 million lives a year
- Works with 196 nations to keep the global temperature rise well below 2°C /3.6°F
- Keeps peace with 87,000 peacekeepers in 12 operations around the world
- Tackles the global water crisis affecting over 3.6 billion people worldwide
- Protects and promotes human rights globally and through 80 treaties/ declarations
- Coordinates US\$46 billion appeal for the humanitarian needs of 202 million people
- Uses diplomacy to prevent conflict: assists some 50 countries a year with their elections
- Supports over 30 million women a year with sexual and reproductive health services

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Here are 10 ways the UN works to make a difference in the lives of millions every day, everywhere.

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Be the example. When someone is impatient with you, show patience. When someone is angry with you, show kindness. When someone is harsh with you, show softness.



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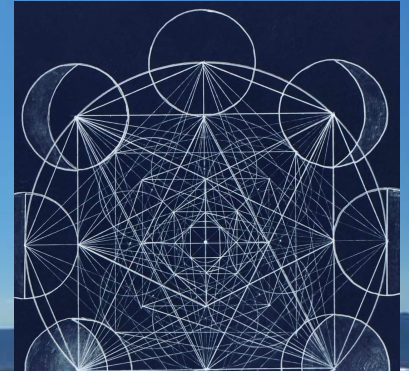
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