



## Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

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To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that United Nations Association of Russia (UNA-Russia) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

UNA-Russia is already engaged in activities linked to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact. We strongly believe that our participation in the UN Global Compact will foster our socially responsible initiatives and add further value to sustainable development at global level.

Sincerely yours,

Alexey Borisov

First Deputy Chairman of the UNA-Russia  
Vice-President of the World Federation of  
UN Associations

## **Part II. Description of Actions**

The United Nations Association of Russia is an international non-governmental organization established to "facilitate the full achievement of the purposes and principles enshrined by UN Charter" and active participation "in the strengthening of trust and friendship between states and peoples".

The Association has actively working committees – on international law, on implementation of the sustainable development goals, on health, human rights, environmental and sustainable development, legal issues, the preservation of cultural values and national issues; and the youth commission. Every commission has an important sphere of activity, each one has working professionals of the highest level.

### **Current areas of activity, 2020-2021**

- Organization and research in the field of human rights;
- Participation in international cooperation activities of UNESCO;
- Conduct and participate in the work of international, inter-regional, regional and other scientific conferences;
- Holding symposiums for regional branches of the Association;
- Organization and implementation of Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations including Regional Model UN (Krasnoyarsk, Ekaterinburg, Ufa, Samara, Vladivostok, Astrakhan, Tyumen and Kazan);
- The annual report "Regions of Russia and the sustainable development";
- The Russian National Committee for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations;
- The assistance in the development of international, including UN, representative offices in constituent territories of the Russian Federation;
- Provides information and consultative support to Russian enterprises and companies in their access to new markets and development of traditional markets, especially markets of high-tech and highly processed goods.

*The Russian National Committee for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations*

In 2020, the United Nations Association of Russia, acting on the orders from Russian Foreign Minister S.V. Lavrov and with support from the Russian Foreign Ministry, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, and the UN Information Center in Moscow, held a series of events included in the plan of the Russian public committee for celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Organization.

On October 23, 2020 16-time world chess champion, State Duma deputy Anatoly Karpov simultaneously played on 20 boards in honor of the UN anniversary at the UN Office in Geneva. The audience and participants in the game, which took place in the main hall of the Palais des Nations, were greeted by Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva Tatiana Valovaya, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva Gennady Gatilov, and Director of the United Nations Library at Geneva Francesco Pisano.

On the eve of the UN Day, the international philatelic exhibition Rossica-2020, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the UN, opened at the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation. It featured rare postage stamps of collectors from 11 countries, including Russia, Switzerland and France. “The exhibition is yet another reminder of the important role played by the UN in every sphere of life, such as peacekeeping, the fight against hunger, or the preservation of cultural heritage,” Gennady Gatilov said at the exhibition opening ceremony. “This is a remarkable exhibition, and it is particularly remarkable because it is connected to the jubilee, the 75th anniversary, of the United Nations Organization,” Tatiana Valovaya said at the opening ceremony. The exhibition “shows how important multilateral cooperation is in the modern world, and how important it is to remember about great dates,” such as the end of World War II and the 75th anniversary of the United Nations so that “world conflicts do not repeat on Earth.”

In her words, philately «helps strengthen cooperation and gives people an opportunity to get acquainted with other countries and their cultural heritage».

### ***Russian Regions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals***

The Russian Regions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals program is a key project of the Association. This unique project sets a “reciprocal movement” precedent: not only agencies and representatives of the UN system form an international opinion on the situation in Russian regions but also Russian regions put forward initiatives of global dimension and are able to shape up international politics. Given the existent global challenges, the pandemic, and multiple online communications, this kind of interaction and exchange of practices are in high demand and rely on an understandable and time-tested mechanism of the organization. Within the framework of this program, we raise the awareness of our regions of the importance and value of the Agenda 2030 and contribute to the adaption of this concept to local specific features and strategies.

The United Nations Association of Russia has been implementing the program with the support from the Russian Foreign Ministry since 2009. A primary objective of the program is to popularize UN ideas in Russian regions and to convey the meaning, significance and, most importantly, direct advantage of the UN sustainable development goals for regional development, on the one hand. On the other hand, the program aims to create a mechanism of the real participation of Russian regions in the global management process based on the UN system. Obviously, these goals are relevant in the context of containment of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Russian Regions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals program has achieved a number of remarkable results, including the publication of same-name reports in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2018 and 2019, the presentation of data

from the reports at the UN Headquarters, at meetings with the UN Secretary-General, and at the UN Office in Geneva, as well as the initiation and implementation of governor projects that promote the transmission and dissemination of UN values in the Russian territory. To date, the program has involved 16 regions, namely, the Irkutsk region, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Region – Yugra, the Republic of Karachayev-Cherkessia, the Astrakhan region, the Kamchatka Territory, the Tambov region, the Krasnodar Territory, the Krasnoyarsk Territory, the Moscow region, the Kursk region, the Omsk region, the Sverdlovsk region, Moscow, the Republic of Tatarstan and the Samara region.

All those regions are developing remarkable projects they have presented consistent with the sustainable development logic. The regions were represented with dignity at the UN Headquarters and at the meeting with the UN Secretary-General. No doubt, these regions are strong in terms of SGDs. For instance, Moscow topped the UN online service index in 2018, surpassing 40 world capitals. Also that year, the Tatarstan Investment Development Agency received the UN award for outstanding achievements in stimulating investment into sectors that will have social and economic benefits and help countries meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Yekaterinburg became a candidate for hosting Expo 2025 and, following its participation in a UNA-Russia program, was named the host city of the World Cities Day held under the UN Habitat aegis in 2019.

The Russian Regions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals program is an instrument of the promotion of national projects in UN agencies and the assistance in improving the image and investment appeal of Russian regions. The long-standing work of the United Nations Association of Russia, its strong composition and record of successful projects guarantee the correct implementation of the Russian Regions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals program.

## ***Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations including Regional Model UN***

Also, the UNA-Russia has brought the idea of the UN Youth Models to Russia. These events allow Russian and foreign students to participate in the activity of models of the chief UN bodies – the Security Council, the General Assembly, etc. The main Russian model is the Moscow international model of the UN named after V. Churkin, which annually takes place on the premises of MGIMO of the Russian Foreign Ministry in April. Tens of thousands of Russian schoolchildren and students have taken part in model activities to date.

Moreover, on July 27, an extraordinary Model UN was held, organized for the first time by the UNA-Russia together with the European partner — the Association for the United Nations and International Law (ANUDI, Madrid). Despite the difficult circumstances all over the world, the UNA-Russia strives to maintain effective international cooperation.

### **All-Russian Open Lesson «HUMAN RIGHTS»**

The Annual All-Russian Open lesson "Human Rights" is deducted to December 10 - the date of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. The event is organized by the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation, the UNESCO Chair of MGIMO-University and the Russian Association for the Promotion of the United Nations.

The All-Russian Open lesson "Human Rights" is a large-scale educational campaign in which 27 million schoolchildren and students have participated over the past four years.

### ***SDG Laboratories in Russia***

Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the cooperation of all stakeholders including non-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia, parliamentarians and young people,

especially, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the UNA-Russia with the support of the UN Information Center in Moscow takes the initiative to create SDG Laboratories in Russia in the format of the UNA-Russia representative offices.

In 2022–2023, the UNA-Russia will continue to organize such programs as the InterEcoForum, the UN Models, Russian Regions and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Letter to the President contest, the International School of Youth Diplomacy, and the Young Diplomat Club.

### **Part III. Measurement of Outcomes**

The UNA-Russia has engaged at global meetings aligned with the UN Global Compact, including the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, the global platform for yearly stock-taking and lesson-sharing on efforts to move the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights from paper to practice.

The UNA-Russia coordinates the work the Russian National Committee for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. The Committee has developed an action plan for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations that includes international conferences, seminars, workshops, symposiums, roundtables and various exhibitions dedicated to the United Nations (over 250 events).

The UNA-Russia ensures the participation of Russian regions in international programs based on regional initiatives in the global dimension. As of this year, such territories as the Irkutsk region, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Yugra, the Republic of Karachayevo-Cherkessia, the Astrakhan region, the Kamchatka Territory, the Tambov region, the Krasnodar Territory, the Krasnoyarsk Territory, the Sverdlovsk region, Moscow, the Republic of Tatarstan and the Samara region have taken part in the program «Regions of Russia and UN sustainable development».

Association gives a constant and comprehensive consideration to the 2030 Agenda's issues in such programs of the UNA of Russia as the International School of Youth Diplomacy (1,500participants), the Young Diplomat Club(1,500participants), the Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations (2,500 delegates from 45 countries), and the roundtables and events organized by us inside and outside the country.

Furthermore, we have exploited the full potential of the Association initiative to organize workshops and learning exercises for its members and volunteers in accordance with the principles of environmental, economic and social sustainability.



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