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This year marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding Charter. The anniversary reminds us of the importance of solidarity and global cooperation as we face issues that transcend borders such as COVID-19, biodiversity loss and climate change.

Times of struggle can be opportunities for positive change and transformation. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of the relationship between people and nature, and the profound consequences to our own well-being and survival that can result from continued biodiversity loss and the degradation of ecosystems.

From nature-based solutions to climate, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity remains the basis for a sustainable future. Protecting the diversity of life in our world requires not only national actions, but international and multilateral solutions.

The global dialogue that is facilitated by the United Nations is of crucial importance to create the transformative changes we need to safeguard nature, protect biodiversity for future generations and in so doing secure peace and human wellbeing.

Through dialogue and solidarity, we can ensure that we emerge from the present pandemic stronger and be better equipped to build a secure future for us all. This will help us achieve the 2050 Vision of Living in Harmony with Nature and fulfil the UN promise of building a world that is more equal, works together, and protects the Earth in an inclusive and sustainable way.

