

**THE SECRETARY GENERAL**  
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**MESSAGE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**  
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Peace is at the heart of all our work at the United Nations.

And we know peace is much more than a world free of war.

It means resilient, stable societies where everyone can enjoy fundamental freedoms and thrive rather than struggle to meet basic needs.

Today peace faces a new danger: the climate emergency, which threatens our security, our livelihoods and our lives.

That is why it is the focus of this year's International Day of Peace.

And it's why I am convening a Climate Action Summit.

This is a global crisis.

Only by working together can we make our only home peaceful, prosperous and safe for us and future generations.

On this International Day of Peace, I urge all of you:

take concrete climate action and demand it of your leaders.

This is a race we can and must win.

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