

SG Briefing on 2021 Priorities (INF-3)

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Dear ESs,

On Thursday, 28 Jan the SG addressed member states on the priorities for 2021. In his address, the SG presented 10 priorities for 2021: 1) Respond to COVID-19; 2) Inclusive and sustainable recovery from COVID-19; 3) Making peace with nature; 4) Tackle the pandemic of poverty and inequality; 5) Reverse the assault on human rights; 6) Gender equality; 7) Heal geopolitical rifts and find common ground; 8) Reverse the erosion of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime; 9) Seize opportunities of digital technologies while protecting against their growing dangers; 10) A reset for the 21st century.

See full SG remarks [here](#) and PGA remarks [here](#).

MSs expressed their concurrence with the SG's 10 priorities and their intention to 'build back better' from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many stressed that the equitable global distribution of vaccines would be an immediate opportunity to showcase a renewed spirit of multilateralism. Numerous MSs asked urgency in increasing financing for sustainable development, expressed support to the SG, Canada, Jamaica initiative while also asking alignment of various UN and non-UN FfD ongoing initiatives. MSs also called for an increased focus on climate change, including meeting the \$100 billion climate finance commitment in 2021. MSs also urged continuing the UN reform agenda.

The SG said that the pandemic had been an opportunity for the UN to immediately show how the reforms helped the UN respond more effectively and as lessons learned he stressed the need to further digitize the work of the Organization by fully implementing the UN data strategy and embracing digital processes.

For more details, please see the attached RCNYO report.

With regards,

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