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It is a pleasure to greet the United Nations Association of Germany.

The world faces many complex and inter-connected challenges, from conflict and environmental destruction to poverty, inequality and intolerance. The most effective way to counter these ills is to work in common cause for our common humanity.

I have called for a surge in diplomacy for peace – and for a new emphasis on preventing conflict from erupting in the first place. We are also working to improve living conditions everywhere through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Across this work, UN Associations across the world are among our best allies, forging links between the global and local, and explaining what the UN does and why it matters.

Together, let us uphold the values we share and create a more compassionate, inclusive and peaceful world for all.