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## **Statement of H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, President of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly, on United Nations Day**

United Nations Day allows us to pause for thought on what this noble organization has achieved in its first 67 years of existence, but also to focus on the many challenges that we continue to face as a family of nations.

The General Assembly lies at the heart of this family—at the heart of the United Nations System.

It is the only forum where all Member States come together as sovereign equals to advance the aims of the Charter. That is why this day is so significant.

Let us be reminded on this occasion that the maintenance of international peace and security was enshrined by our founders as the first stated purpose of the UN, in order to make it possible for human beings to live in greater prosperity, under a reign of peace founded on justice and universal respect for international law.

It is my hope that on UN Day, that vision remains at the core of the Organization.