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The UN Charter is one of the crowning achievements of multilateralism. Those who drafted this treaty, signed 75 years ago in San Francisco, had to make difficult and at times painful concessions in the interest of a great common purpose – the creation of an organization to save future generations from the scourges of war. The Charter has stood the test of time. It has proven to be both a living document and a solid foundation for us to move forward in the areas such as human rights and disarmament, but also to tackle tasks not foreseeable at the time – from peacekeeping to climate change. Some of its provisions have certainly proven to be problematic – the veto power for the Permanent Members of the Security Council is as controversial today as it was during the San Francisco Conference. Others are outdated and require our agreement for revision – from the enemy state clause to the composition of the Security Council. But the important statement for us to make today is recommitting to this treaty which has found near universal acceptance, has given us the necessary guidance in tackling complex challenges together and is the ultimate symbol of a rules based international order – which, and that is abundantly clear, we need today even more so than in 1945. Recommitting to the Charter also means being truthful to its key provisions – in particular the painstakingly negotiated agreement on the rules governing the use of force between States. And indeed what we need more so than ever is the willingness to come together, listen to each other, compromise and find common solutions. The drafters of the UN Charter understood that a peaceful world can only be achieved on the basis of a common understanding anchored in the rule of law. As we face a threat to the survival of our planet and unprecedented challenges through the ongoing pandemic our hope for success is that we allow ourselves to be inspired by the vision of those who came together in San Francisco.