



UNRIC's remarks on UNIPAX thirtieth anniversary

UNIPAX's thirtieth anniversary falls at a timely moment as it coincides with the UN 70th anniversary, which is also celebrated this year. Also, 2015 marks Italy's sixtieth year as a UN Member State, having joined the Organization in 1955.

This is definitely a crucial year for the Organization because of the global appointments that will mark the international agenda in 2015, spanning from the World Expo to the COP 21 conference in Paris on climate change to the review of the UN Peacekeeping, the Post-development agenda and many more key occurrences.

Anniversaries usually provide the opportunity to take stock of past activities, learning lessons from them and ploughing them back into future action, bearing in mind the overarching values that inspire the daily activities of the UN and the entities that embrace its principles.

Every day, the United Nations makes a positive difference for millions of people. As the Secretary General put it, "the challenges of our times transcend borders and require complex solutions reached through negotiation and compromise. The theme of this anniversary year -- "Strong UN. Better World" -- captures the importance of multilateralism and the essential role of the United Nations."

In this regard, public information plays an important role in conveying the correct messages at a time when the sources of information multiply, and with them the risk of distortions, diversions, incorrect communications, misinterpretations.

By helping to get across the UN's message through the dissemination of messages, fact-sheets, reports, including in their original linguistic versions, UNIPAX contributes to bolstering up these efforts.

On the occasion of UNIPAX' anniversary, UNRIC extends its sincere appreciation for an activity that daily contributes to make one of the UN's core mandates happen: ensure that people have their voices heard.

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