

# 1946

General Assembly  
adopts its first  
resolution



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# 1947

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International Law  
Commission



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# 1948

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is adopted

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# 1949

UN Relief and Works  
Agency aids Palestine  
refugees



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# 1950

Security Council calls  
upon members to  
assist the Republic of  
Korea



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# 1951

International  
protection of refugees  
is strengthened



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# 1952

Secretary-General  
Trygve Lie resigns



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OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY GENERAL

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**1953**

UNICEF changes name  
but continues as  
champion of children

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# 1954

Dag Hammarskjöld expands the political role of the Secretary-General



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1955

Flags of 16 new members fly at UNHQ for the first time



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Universal Declaration of Human Rights

General Assembly resolution 302 (IV) : Palestine Refugees

Security Council resolution 83 (1950)

Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees

Secretary-General Trygve Lie's Speech to the General Assembly

General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII) : UNICEF

General Assembly resolution 906 (IX)

Security Council resolution 109 (1955) : New Members to the UN



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# 1956

First peacekeeping  
mission established



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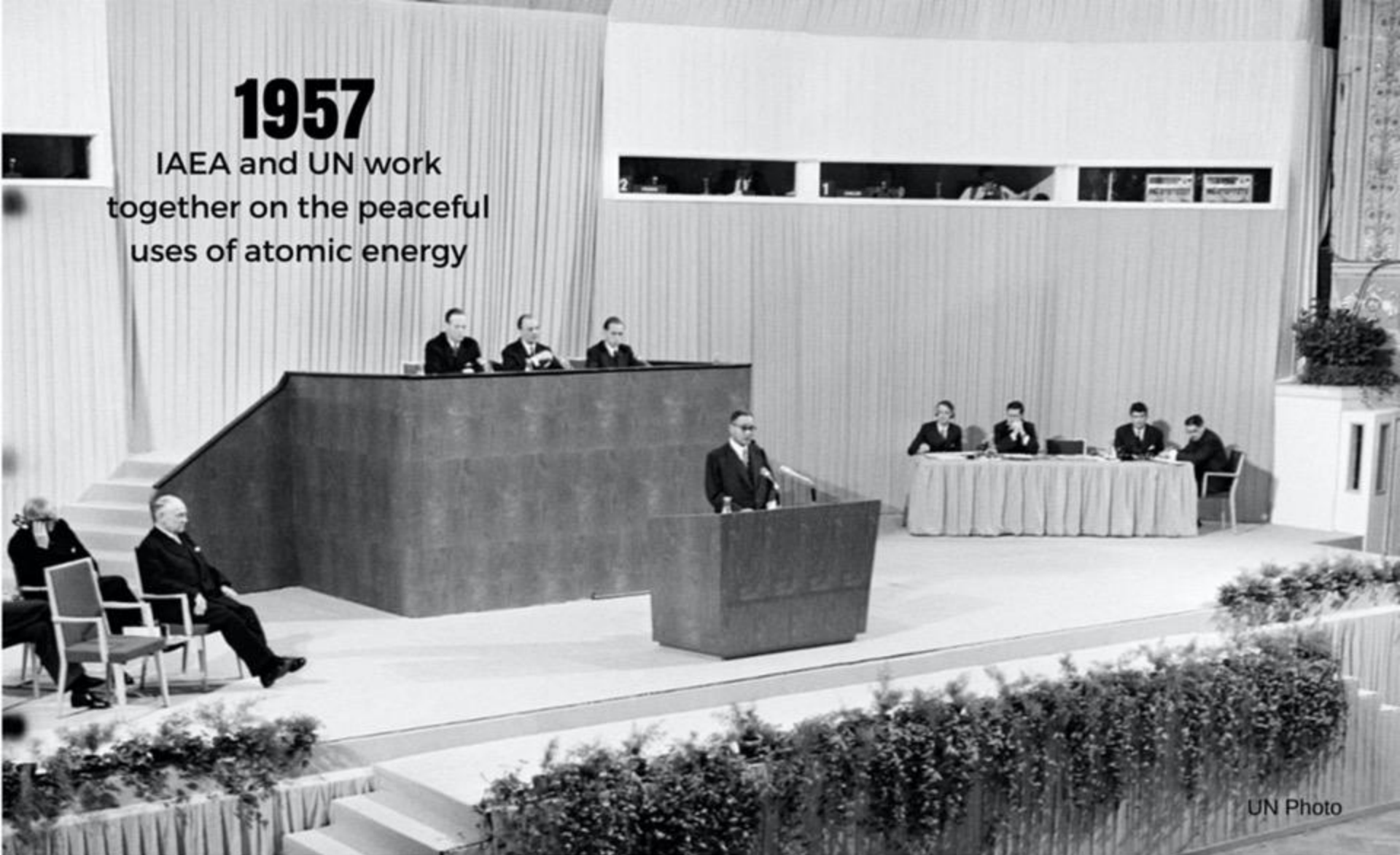


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# 1957

IAEA and UN work  
together on the peaceful  
uses of atomic energy



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Funding the promotion of the  
economic and social  
advancement of all peoples



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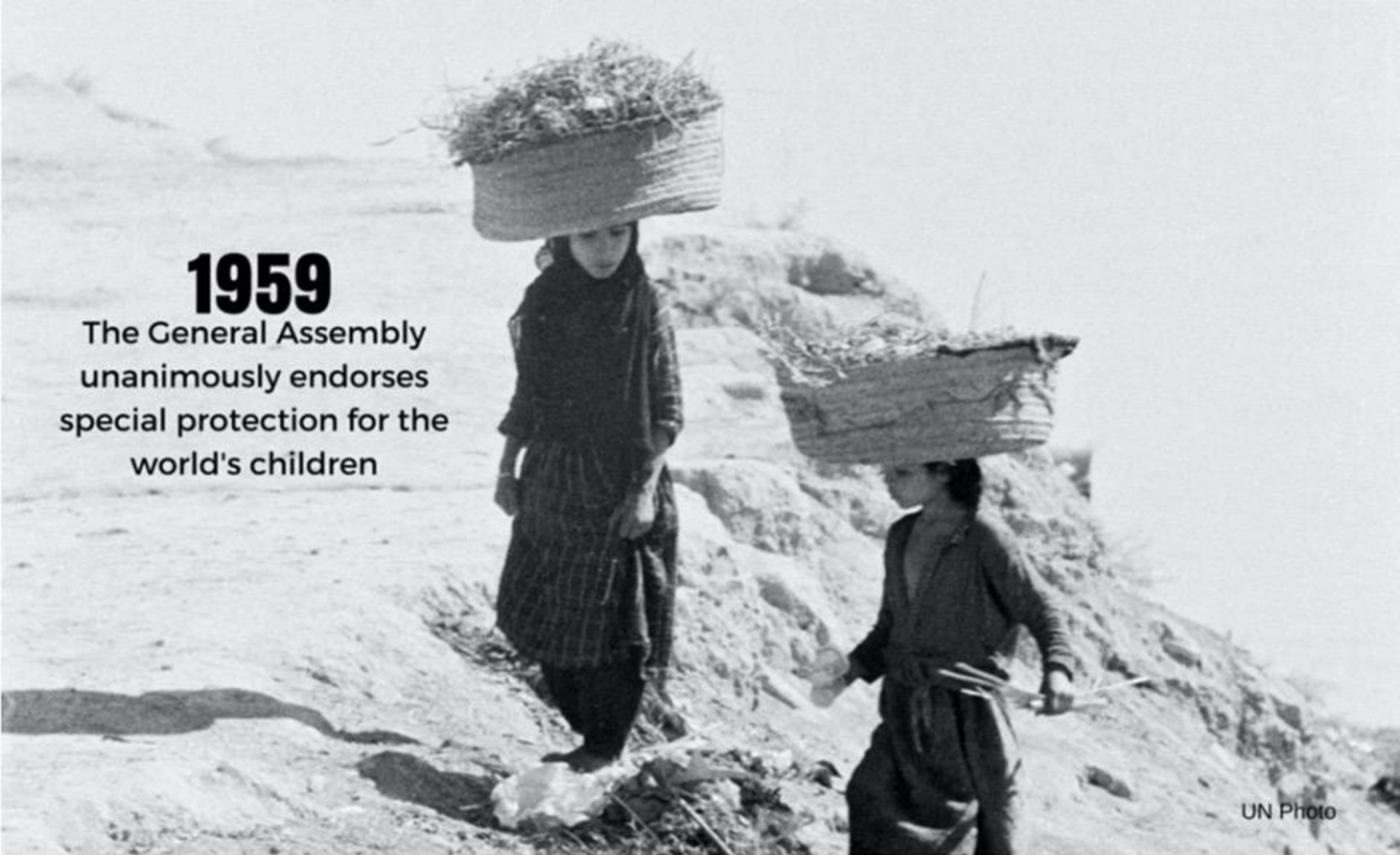
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# 1959

The General Assembly  
unanimously endorses  
special protection for the  
world's children



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MORE THAN 60 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN DEPENDENT TERRITORIES AT THE END OF 1960

# 1960

## Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples



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# 1961

The death of  
Dag Hammarskjöld  
shakes the United  
Nations but cannot  
shake its resolve for  
peace



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**1962**

The Cuban Missile  
Crisis tests the UN

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# 1963

The Voluntary Arms  
Embargo calls on  
Member States to  
stand against  
apartheid



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1964

The United Nations  
Peacekeeping Force  
in Cyprus begins  
mission



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First UN peacekeeping mission established, A/RES/1001(ES-I)  
Agreement Governing the Relationship between the UN and the IAEA  
General Assembly resolution 1240 (XII): United Nations Special Fund  
Declaration of the Rights of the Child  
Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples  
Tribute to UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, A/PV.1013  
Acting UN Secretary-General U Thant speech on Cuban Missile Crisis, A/PV.1024  
Voluntary arms embargo, S/RES/181 (1963)  
Security Council resolution 186 (1964): UNFICYP  
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination



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# 1965

## International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination



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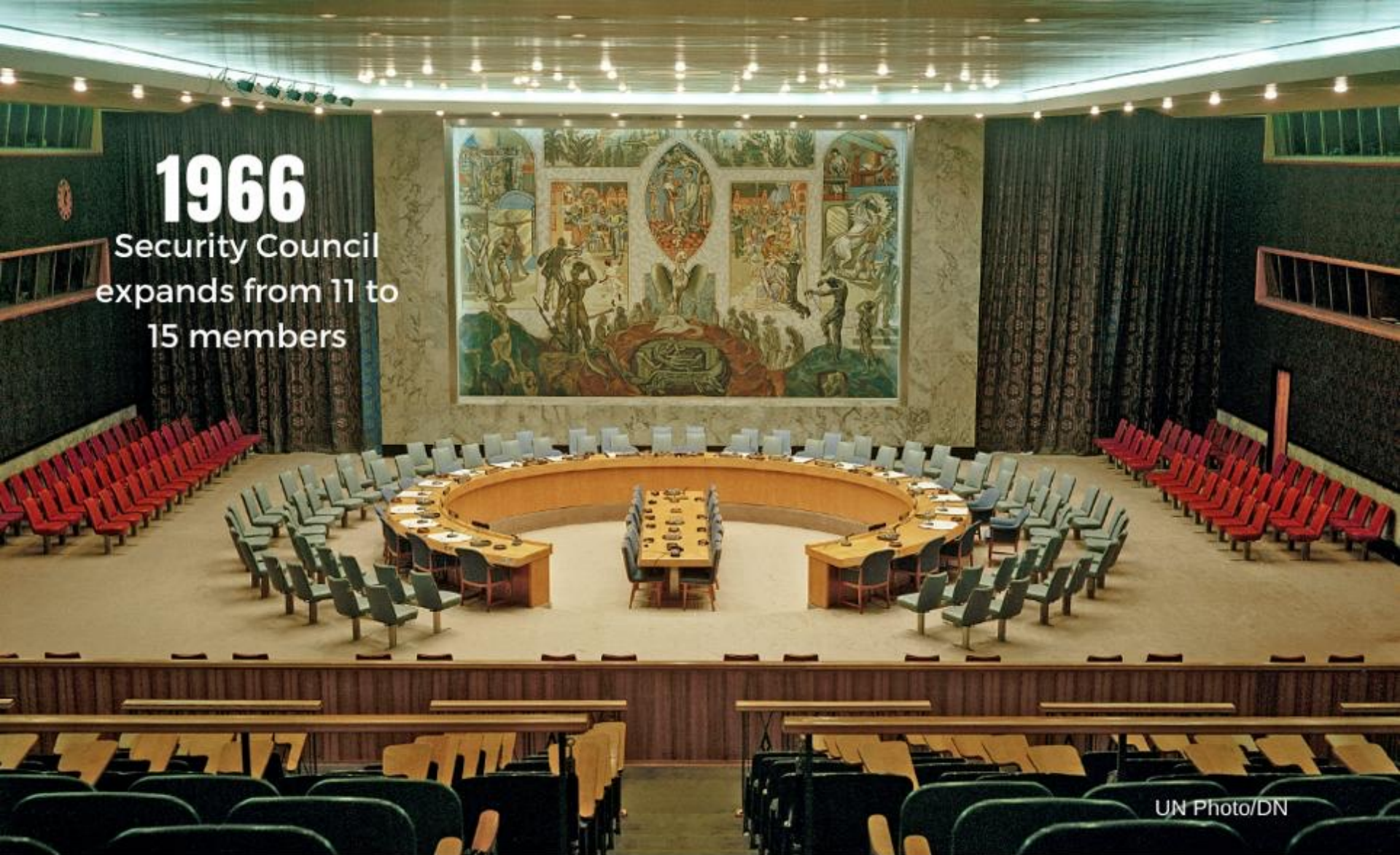
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# 1966

Security Council  
expands from 11 to  
15 members



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UN promotes international cooperation in the peaceful exploration of outer space



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# 1968

UN passes landmark treaty  
on the non-proliferation of  
nuclear weapons



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**1969**

The General Assembly  
outlines a declaration for  
social progress &  
development

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# 1970

Young people discuss  
issues important to them  
at first World Youth  
Assembly

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1971

Kurt Waldheim  
appointed fourth UN  
Secretary-General

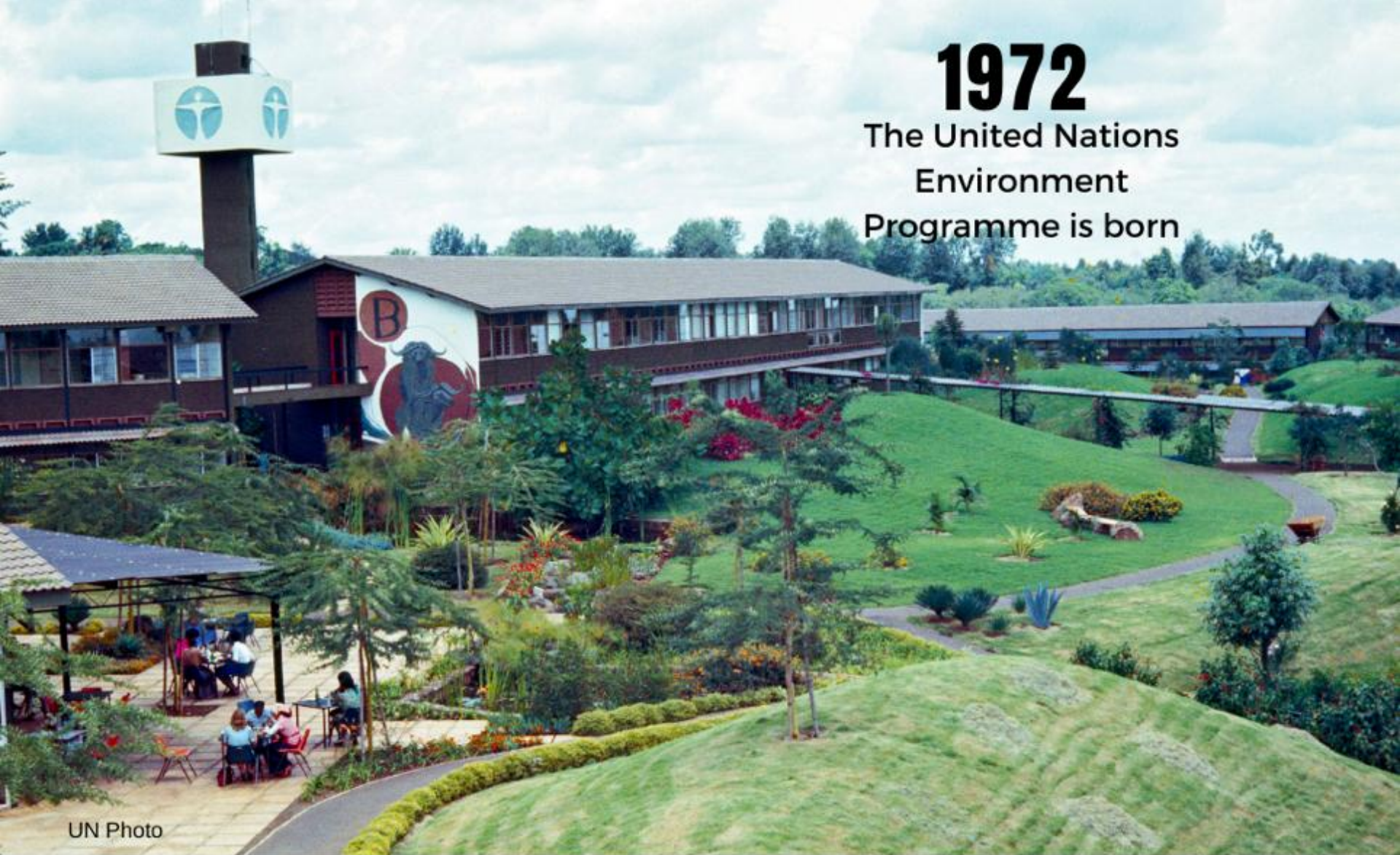


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The United Nations  
Environment  
Programme is born

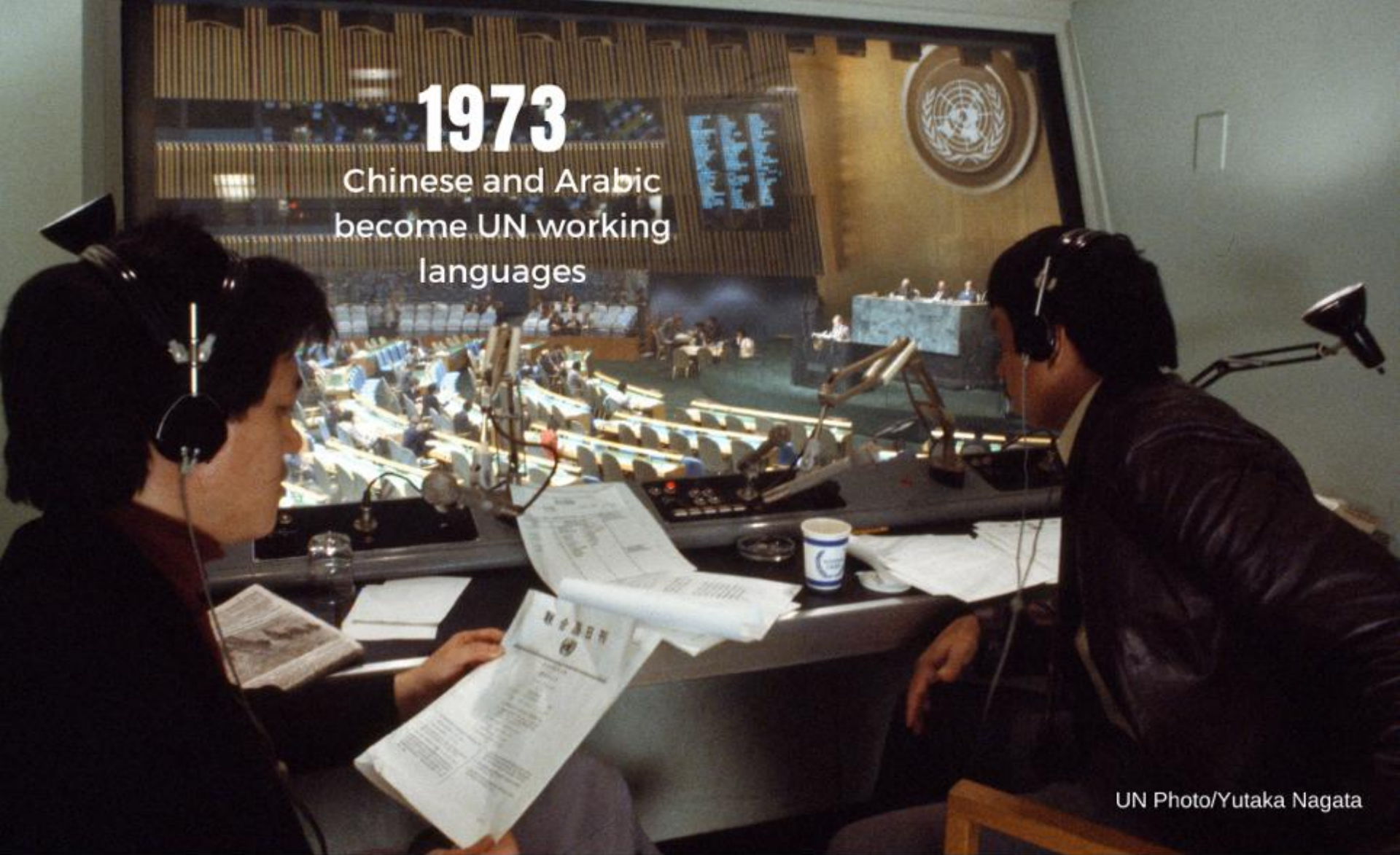
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Chinese and Arabic  
become UN working  
languages

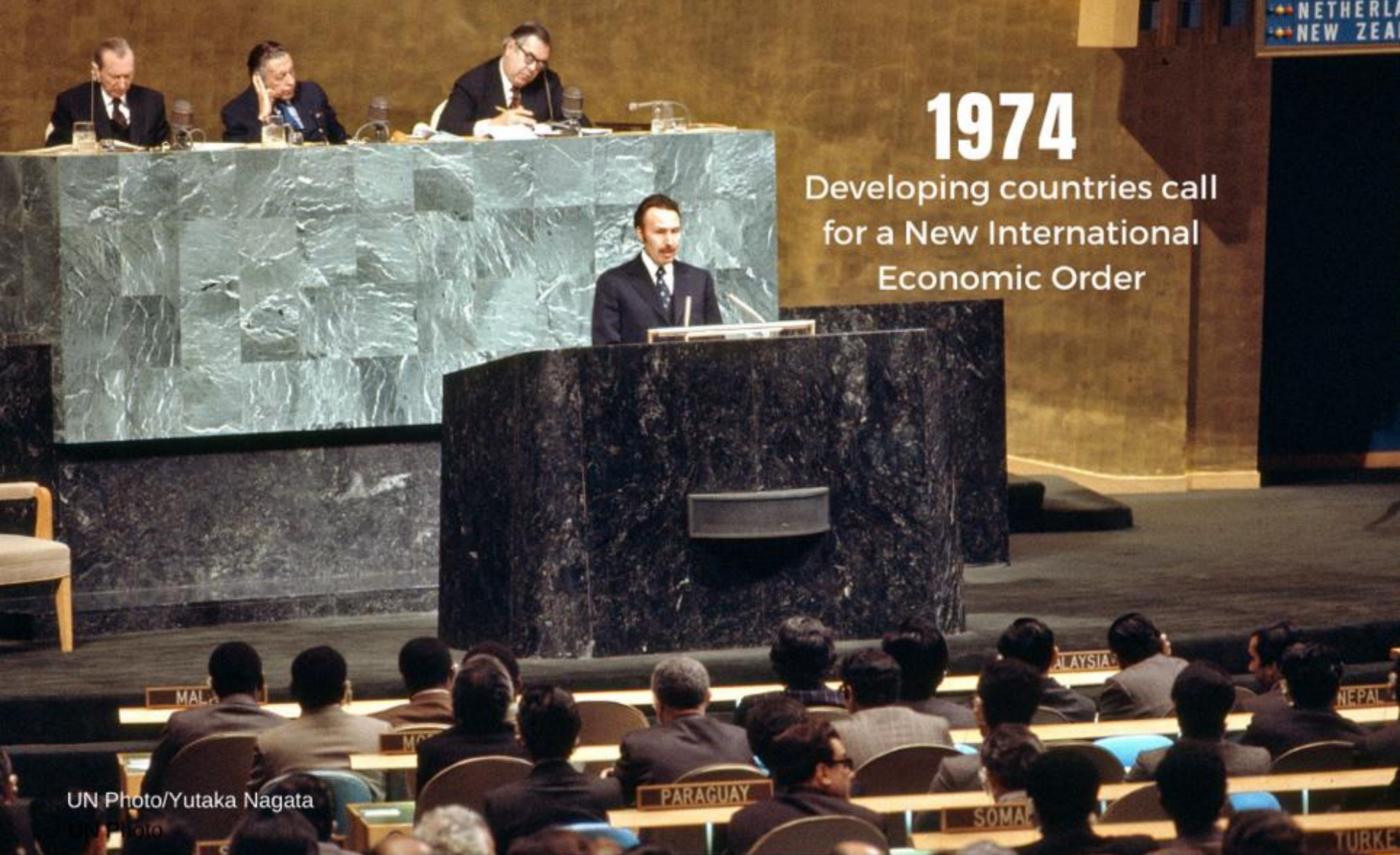


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Developing countries call  
for a New International  
Economic Order

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femme international women's year tribune



1975

World Conference of  
the International  
Women's Year



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First Meeting of Security Council with 15 Members, S/PV.1271

Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The First World Youth Assembly

Kurt Waldheim appointment, A/RES/2903(XXVI)

UNEP is established, A/RES/2997(XXVII)

Chinese & Arabic become UN working languages, A/RES/3189(XXVIII)

Declaration on a New International Economic Order

Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year



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# 1976

## Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements & Plan of Action



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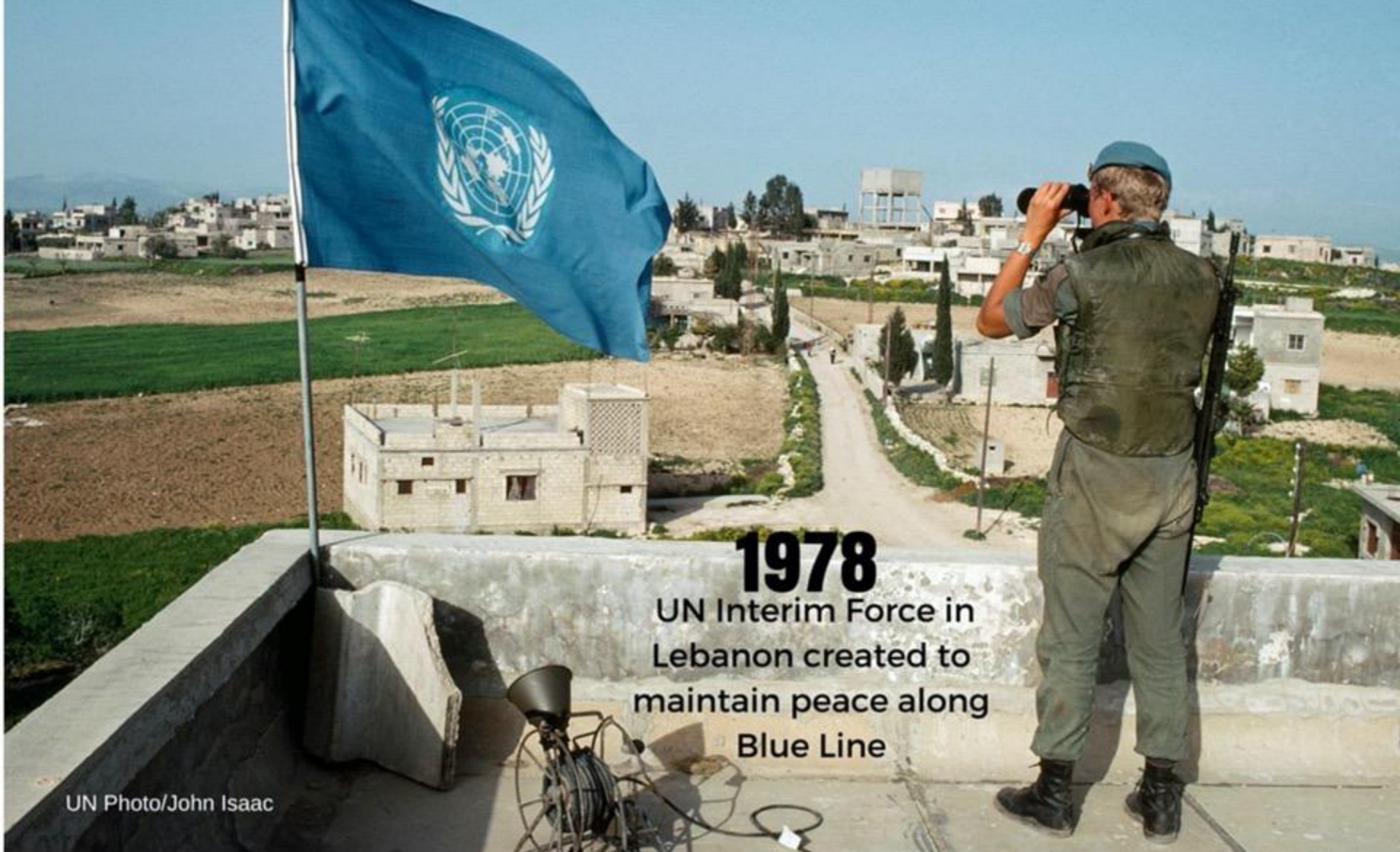
UN Water Conference  
tackles problem of  
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for earth's expanding  
population



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**1978**

UN Interim Force in  
Lebanon created to  
maintain peace along  
Blue Line



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**1979**

Convention on the  
Elimination of All  
Forms of Discrimination  
against Women  
adopted



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# 1980

Emergency special session on Afghanistan held under Uniting for Peace resolution

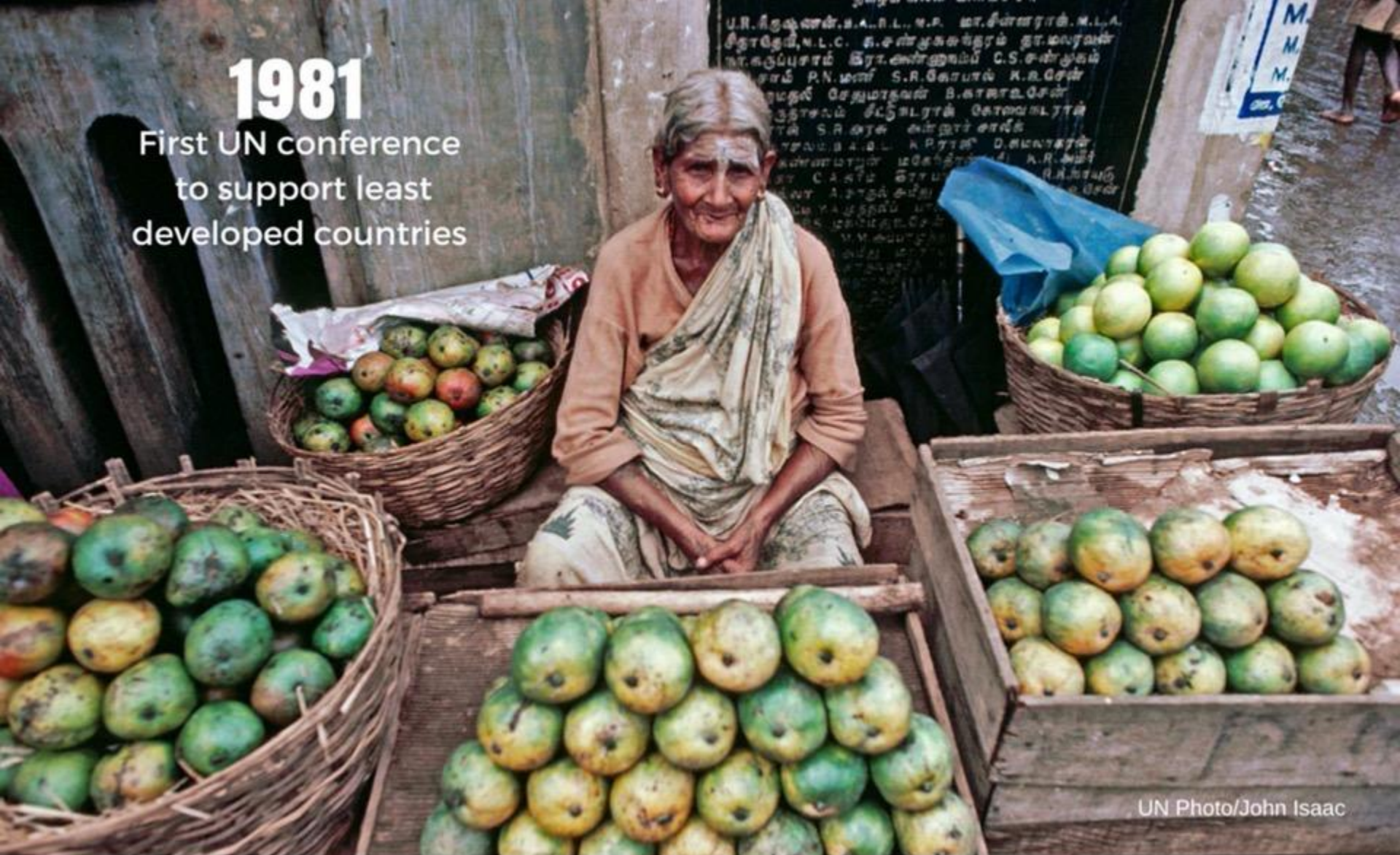


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# 1981

First UN conference  
to support least  
developed countries



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**1982**

"A constitution for the oceans" is created

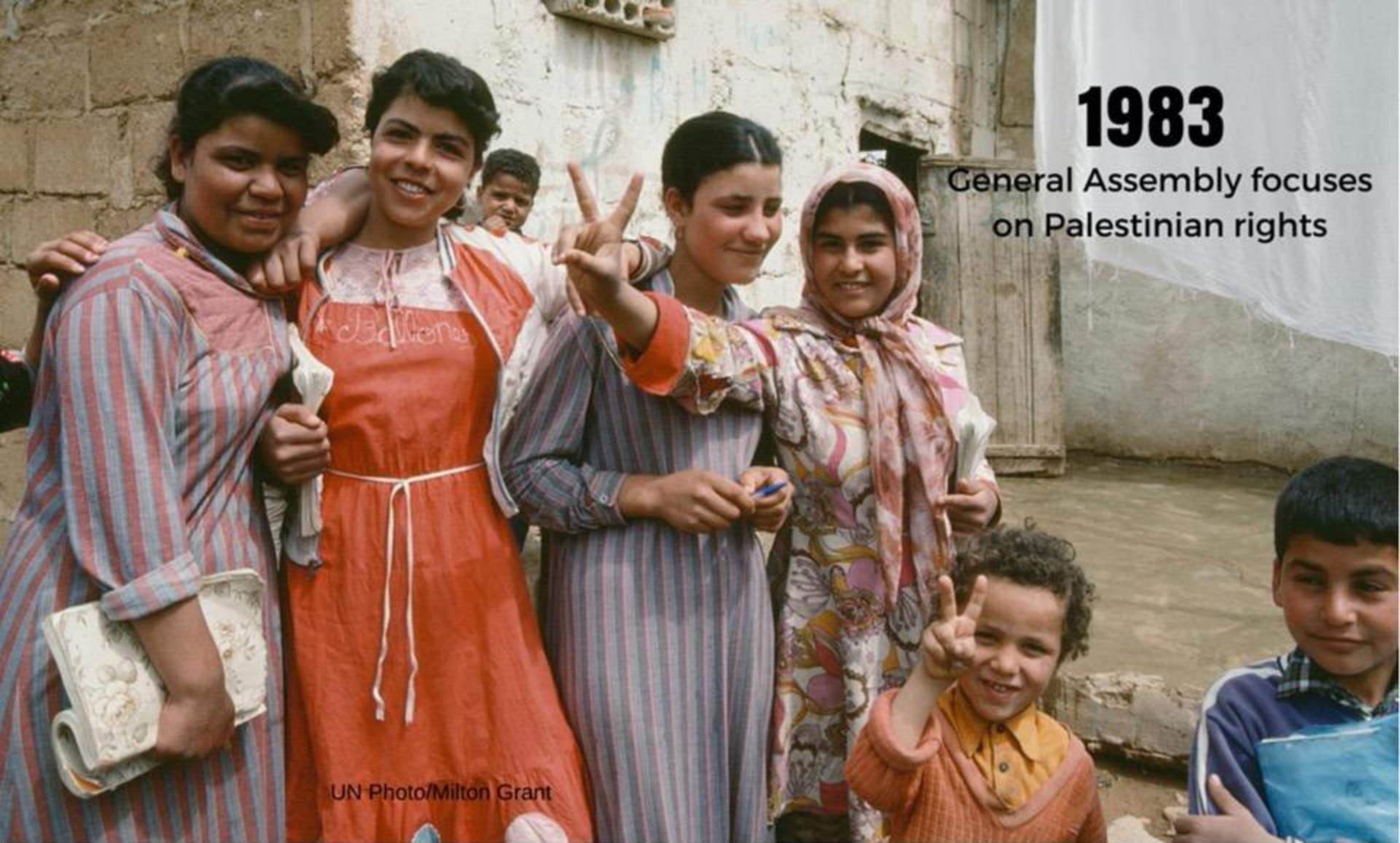
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# 1983

General Assembly focuses  
on Palestinian rights



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# 1984

Providing urgent aid to  
a continent in crisis



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**1985**

The UN Decade for Women  
comes to a close

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Security Council resolutions on establishment of UNIFIL

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International Peace and Security, S/RES/462(1980)

Report of the First UN Conference on Least Developed Countries

UN Convention on the Law of the Sea

Geneva Declaration on Palestine & Programme of Action for the Achievement of  
Palestinian Rights

Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa

Report of the World Conference to Review the United Nations Decade for Women



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# 1986

Secretary-General  
Javier Pérez de Cuéllar  
appointed to second term

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# 1987

States come together to  
stop depletion of the ozone



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# 1988

Intergovernmental Panel on  
Climate Change created



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# 1989

USSR & US co-sponsor  
political resolution  
for first time



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**1990**

Secretary-General swears  
in first president of  
Namibia



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**1991**

Post-Cold War surge  
in UN Peacekeeping



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**1992**  
Secretary-General  
proposes  
"An Agenda for Peace"

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**1993**

International Criminal  
Tribunal for the former  
Yugoslavia established to  
address war crimes

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# 1994

## UN Trusteeship Council ends its historic task

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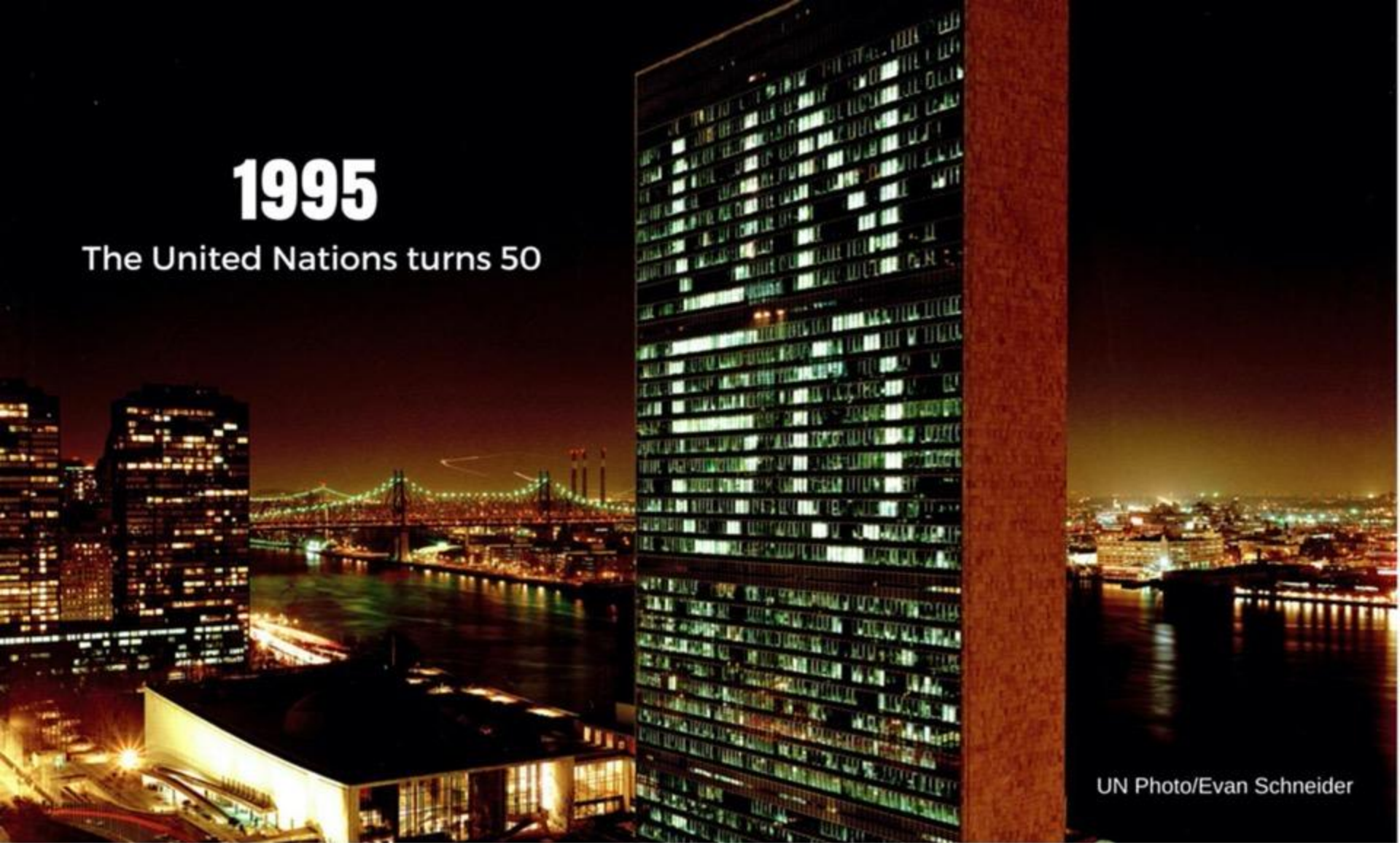


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The United Nations turns 50



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Inauguration Speech of the Secretary-General  
The Montreal Protocol  
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USSR & US co-sponsor political resolution for first time, A/RES/44/21  
Final Report of the Secretary-General on Namibia  
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An Agenda for Peace  
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Termination of the status of Palau as a Trust Territory, S/RES/956(1994)  
Declaration on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the UN



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1996

Comprehensive  
Nuclear Test-Ban  
Treaty



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# 1997

Kyoto Protocol targets  
greenhouse gas  
emissions

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# United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court

Rome, 15 June-17 July 1998



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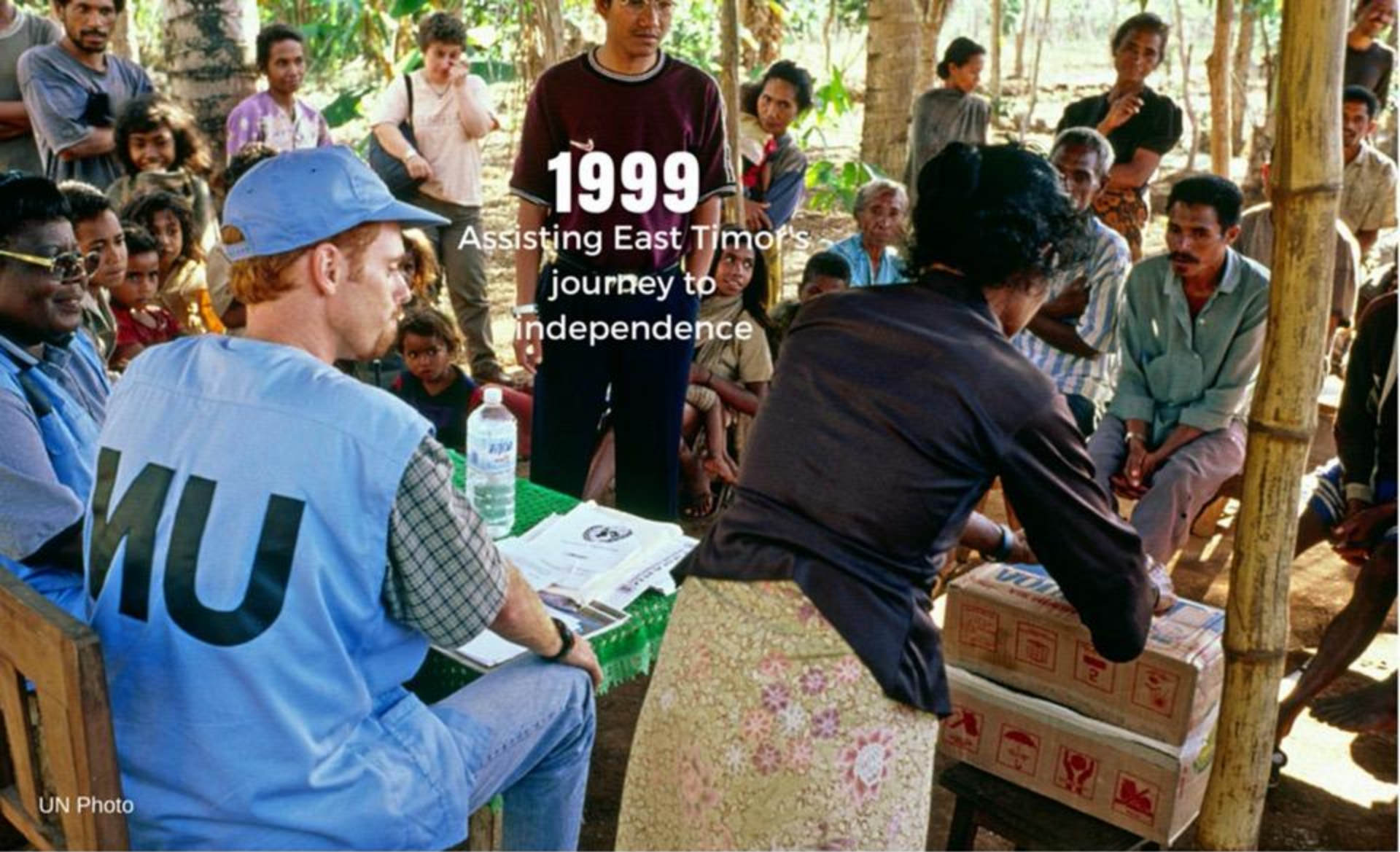
A permanent  
International Criminal  
Court is established

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**1999**

Assisting East Timor's  
journey to  
independence

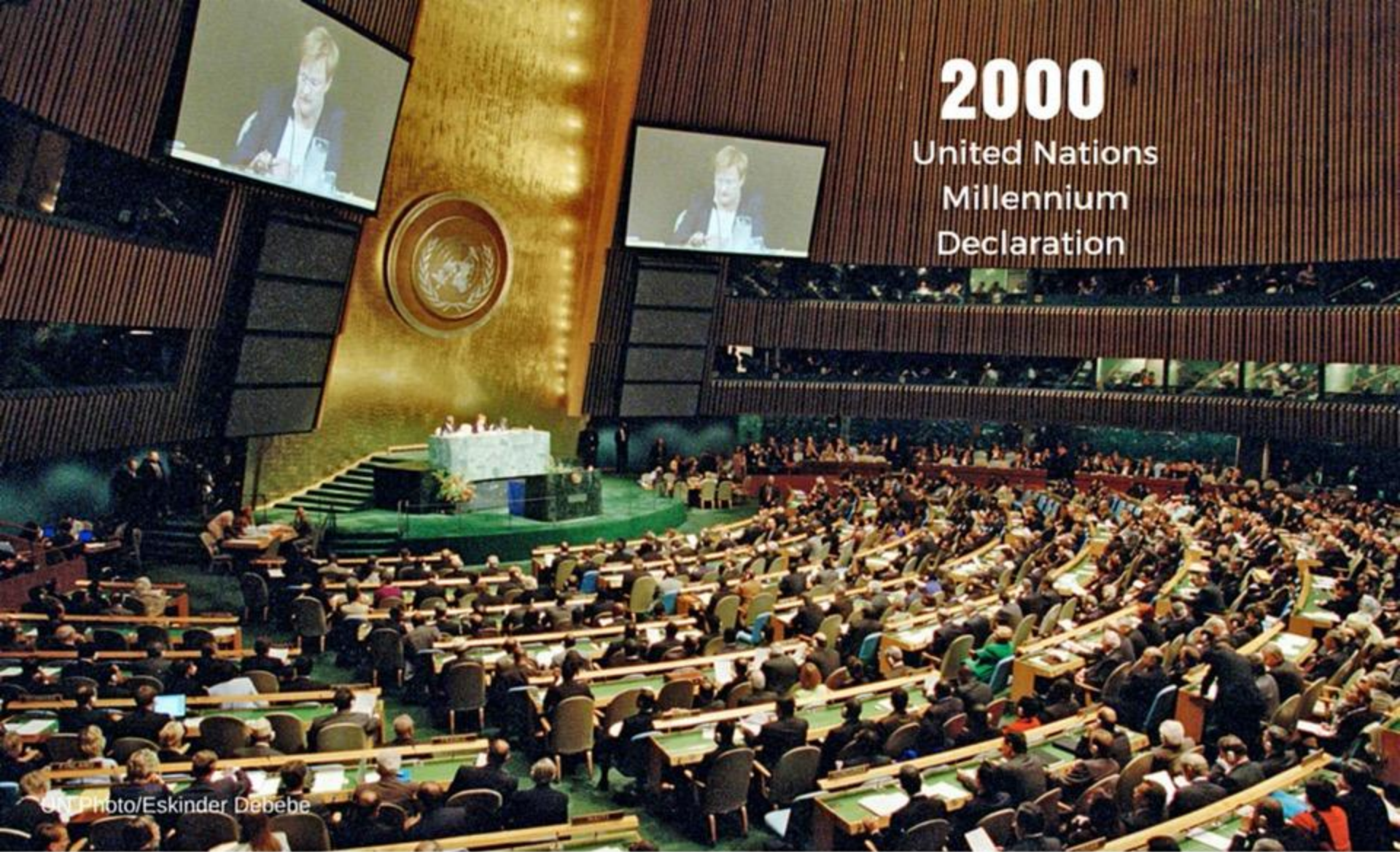
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United Nations  
Millennium  
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# 2001

A global response to  
the HIV/AIDS epidemic



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**2002**  
A special session  
devoted to children



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world summit  
on the information society  
Geneva 2003 - Tunis 2005

# 2003

## Closing the global digital divide



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# 2004

The greatest threats to  
security in the 21st  
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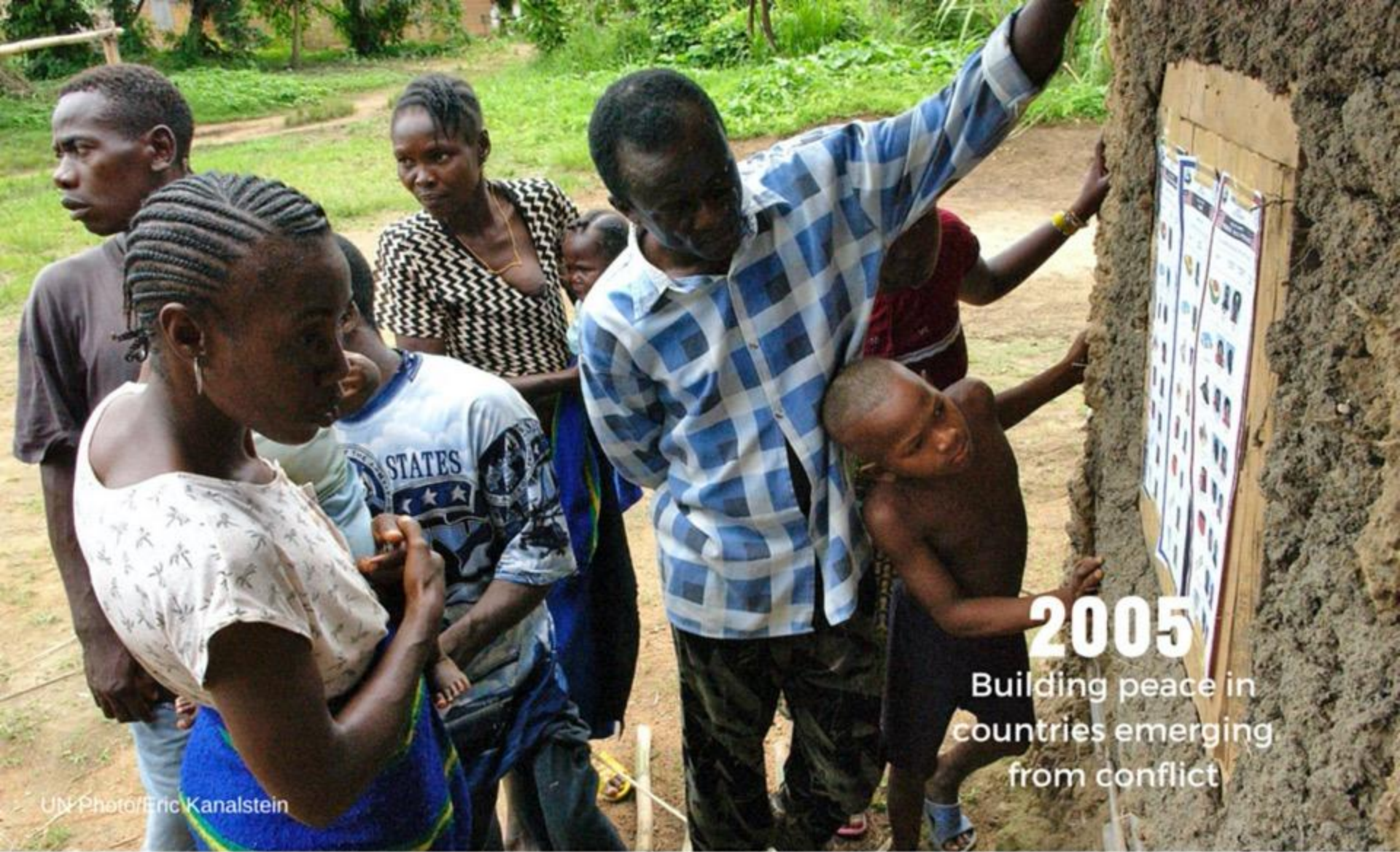


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**2005**

Building peace in  
countries emerging  
from conflict



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Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty

The Kyoto Protocol

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Situation in East Timor, S/RES/1272 (1999)

UN Millennium Declaration, A/RES/55/2

Declaration on Commitment on HIV/AIDS, A/RES/S-26/2

A World Fit for Children, A/RES/S-27/2

World Summit on the Information Society: Principles

A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility, A/59/565

Creation of the Peacebuilding Commission, A/RES/60/180



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# 2006

Human Rights Council  
replaces Commission on  
Human Rights

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# 2007

Ban Ki-moon  
takes office as  
Secretary-General



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**2008**  
Convention on the  
Rights of Persons with  
Disabilities adopted



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**2009**

UN looks at world  
financial crisis & its  
impact on development



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**2010**

UN Women  
established

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**2011**

South Sudan  
becomes 193rd  
Member State of UN

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2012

Rio+20:

"The future we want"

the future we want



Global Solutions



the future we want

Rural Solutions



the future we want



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# 2013

Setting the stage for the  
post-2015 development  
agenda

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**2014**

First-ever UN emergency health mission formed to combat Ebola



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# 2015

A new course to fight  
climate change

Paris, France



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# DOCUMENTS

Human Rights Council established, A/RES/60/251

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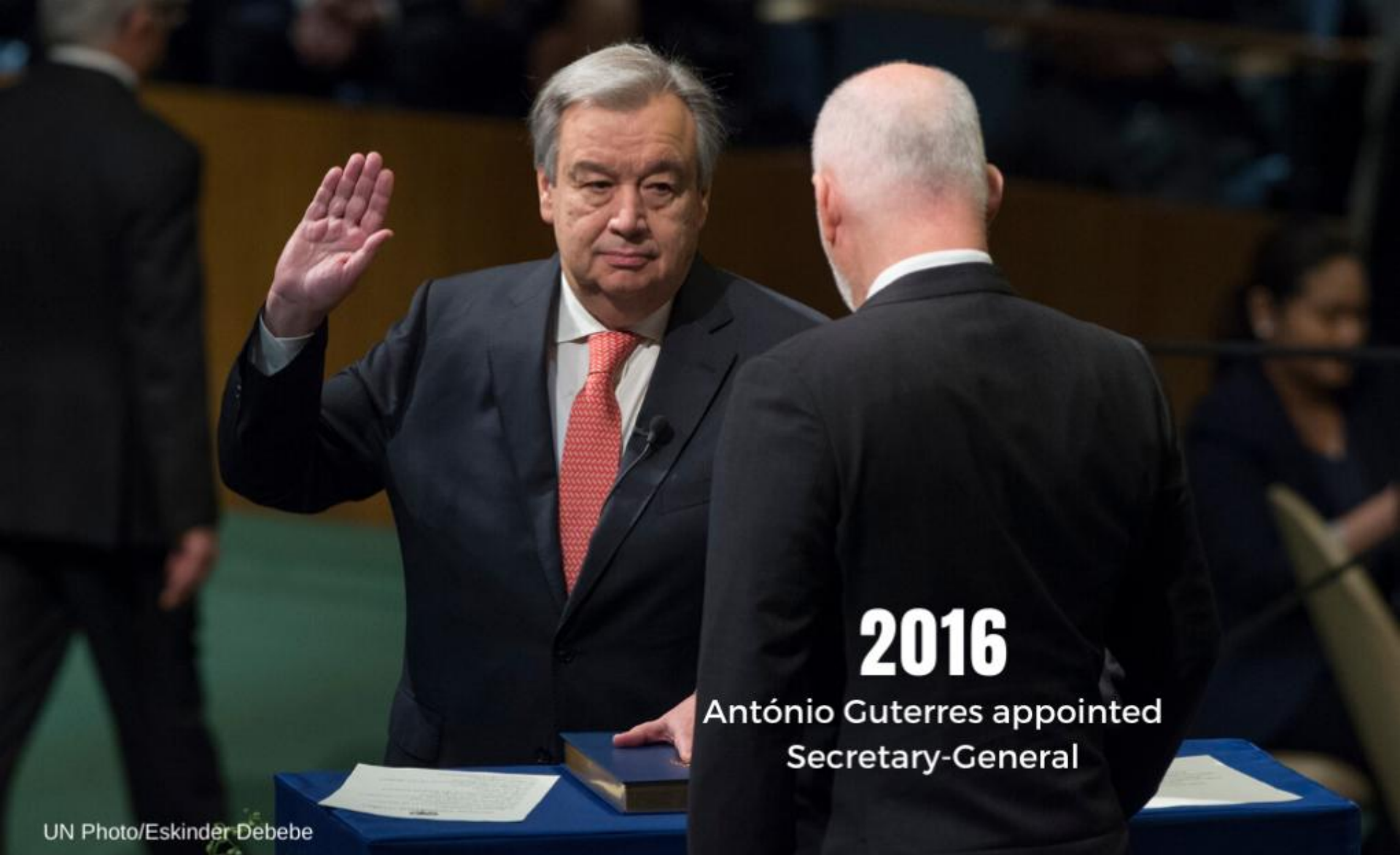
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