**Jutta Urpilainen,** *Member of the Commission, on behalf of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy***.** – Madam President, I am pleased that the debate today, and your resolution, reflect the common agenda of this Parliament, the Council, the High Representative / Vice-President and the Commission. It reaffirms our defence of a values- and rules-based multilateral order and offers a strong, influential and united EU voice in multilateral bodies as presented in our joint communication of February this year.

It also underlines our unity on what matters the most: the need for an international order where every person and every person’s dignity and fundamental rights are protected, where we make a sustainable use of our planet, preserving its ecosystems and resources for future generations, where peace and prosperity for all are ensured.

I share this Parliament’s concern about the global pandemic and the access to COVID-19 vaccines in many parts of the world and the need for a sustainable and inclusive recovery that leaves no one behind. The EU and the Member States made a substantial contribution to the world’s vaccine production and to the COVAX facility, and will continue to do so. The Commission has also made ambitious proposals for building back better, by putting the SDGs and Agenda 2030 back on track, both domestically and in the EU’s external policies and assistance.

In order to enhance our strategic partnership and dialogue with the UN, we have proposed the establishment of an annual EU-UN summit. The EU will also engage actively in the reflection process in the follow-up to UN75 to support efforts to revise and, where necessary, modernise the multilateral system to make it fit for the challenges of the 21st century.

One issue that is very close to my heart is to build a more inclusive multilateralism. I want to stimulate an engagement and debate with our civil society, private sector, as well as other stakeholders, including youth. Colleagues, we look forward to continuing engaging with you on this very important topic.