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UNA-UK Annual Conference 2009

I am delighted to send my best wishes to all those attending the UN Association of the UK Annual Conference 2009. It remains a great privilege to act as an honorary president for an organisation which plays such an important role in supporting the work carried out by the UN across the world.

It is as important today as ever before that we have strong international institutions to promote global co-operation as we strive to solve common problems. UNA-UK's role in informing and mobilising civil society is crucial in encouraging policy makers to pursue initiatives which support the values and principles of peace, co-operation and respect for human rights which underpin all of the work carried out by the UN.

One of the biggest challenges facing the global community is the threat nuclear warfare. Earlier this year President Obama outlined his commitment to achieving a nuclear weapons free world. In the run up to talks on the Non-Proliferation Treaty next year, I believe that the international community is at a critical juncture and that now more than ever before we can begin to move towards multilateral nuclear disarmament. That is why the Liberal Democrats remain wholeheartedly committed to lending our full support and co-operation in any way we can, both at home and abroad to achieving this aim.

No doubt the forthcoming year will bring many challenges, not least in deciding how to take this initiative forward. That is why the work being carried out by the UNA-UK in supporting the UN will be invaluable.

I would like to send my best wishes to all those attending the UNA-UK Annual Conference, commend the organisation for all of its hard work and dedication over the past 12 months and wish UNA UK every success for the coming year.

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Nick Clegg MP
Leader of the Liberal Democrats