




*With my best wishes for the successful implementation of our joint vision of more and cleaner forests across the world*



## FOREWORD



*(UN Photo/Violaine Martin)*

Our world is in transformation. The year 2013 was certainly representative of this fact. Economic, political, demographic and environmental challenges continue to change our perspectives, our communities and our lives.

Addressing these challenges requires dialogue, exchange and partnership. The need for a strong multilateral process, with an efficient United Nations at the centre, is greater today in a truly interconnected and interdependent world.

From disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, to peacemaking, peacebuilding, humanitarian emergencies, human rights, economic cooperation and sustainable development, international actors met during the year at the Palais des Nations on a range of issues that impact the lives of people around the globe.

Behind the scenes, UNOG continued to provide conference services to its many clients and administrative services to other United Nations entities, while at the same time advancing cultural understanding, preserving knowledge and disseminating information.

This report serves as a testament to the leadership of Director-General Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who has left an important legacy at UNOG before returning to national service. The progress made, especially with regard to disarmament, sustainability, the Strategic Heritage Plan

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and enhancing the work of the United Nations in Geneva through partnerships, will endure far into the future and I pay tribute to his important contribution.

Geneva is unique. Its tradition of neutrality, stability and excellence, coupled with the presence of a vast number of international actors, add inherent value for all. The activities undertaken in this city on a daily basis, not only by the United Nations, but by all partner entities active here, make a real difference to everyone on our planet.

Going forward, we will continue to draw on this spirit of Geneva as a multilateral hub. We will work to strengthen the partnerships essential to this collaborative work and, in this world in transformation, we will maintain the Palais des Nations as a centre where resilient global solutions are shaped for you.



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