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TO: The Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

To His Excellency the Secretary-General and the Global Community:

In light of the recent announcement regarding the United States' withdrawal from numerous international and United Nations entities, Servas International—an organization founded on the aftermath of global conflict to foster peace through mutual understanding—wishes to formally express its unwavering commitment to the principles of international cooperation and the United Nations Charter.

As an NGO holding ECOSOC consultative status, we view these announcements as an urgent call for renewed civic engagement. Peace is a proactive endeavor that requires the participation of all nations; the withdrawal of one member state, however influential, does not diminish the collective responsibility of the global community to pursue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We wish to state clearly that governmental withdrawal does not sever the enduring bonds between peoples. Servas International stands in full solidarity with civil society organizations, educators, peace builders, and local communities who continue to champion international cooperation, human rights, and global responsibility through their daily actions.

Servas International supports the following three pillars of action:

- Seeking constructive dialogue at individual as well as organizational levels. When official channels narrow, the pathways of citizen-led hospitality must be widened. We remain dedicated to ensuring that the global community continue to meet, share, and understand one another beyond political borders.
- Advocating for the preservation of the UN's specialized agencies. These entities provide the essential architecture for global health, human rights, and security. We call upon our fellow NGOs to join us in a unified front to support these institutions, advocating for reform through engagement rather than abandonment.
- Expanding global educational programs to address the gaps left by the withdrawal of official funding in sectors such as climate action and youth empowerment. We believe that global citizenship is a mindset that cannot be legislated away; it is cultivated through every shared meal and every cross-cultural dialogue.

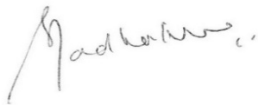
In this spirit, we invite fellow NGOs, academic institutions, faith-based organizations, and grassroots networks worldwide to reaffirm their engagement with the multilateral system—through shared advocacy, collaborative programming, and sustained dialogue—so that the foundations of global cooperation are not weakened but renewed.

We urge the United Nations and its member states to remain steadfast. The challenges of our era—from the climate crisis to the preservation of human dignity—do not respect national boundaries. They require more cooperation, not less.

Servas International remains a dedicated partner to the United Nations. We will continue to work tirelessly to prove that the desire for a peaceful, interconnected world remains the dominant aspiration of humanity.

In Peace and Solidarity,

Sincerely,



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On behalf of The Executive Committee,
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