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I send my warmest greetings to those around the world celebrating the International Day of Human Fraternity.

For too long, the narrowed view that our shared prosperity is a zero-sum game has festered—the view that for one person to succeed, another has to fail; if one person gets ahead, another must fall behind. This cramped idea has been a source of human conflict for centuries, and to this day, many communities around the world face violence, persecution, and abuse simply because of who they are, what they believe, or where they come from.

Such challenges, and many of the other problems we face today, are simply too great for any one Nation or group of people to solve. From the ongoing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic and the existential climate crisis to the rise of violence around the world, these challenges require global cooperation from people of all backgrounds, cultures, faiths, and beliefs. They require us to speak with one another in open dialogue to promote tolerance, inclusion, and understanding. Above all, they require us to be open minded, cooperative, and empathetic and to ensure that all people are treated with dignity and as full participants in society.

In my life, faith has always been a beacon of hope and a calling to purpose even during the darkest of days. Sacred teachings across faith traditions command that we love one another, serve and protect the most vulnerable, and uphold the dignity of every person, which is what the International Day of Human Fraternity is all about. On this day, we reaffirm—in words and in actions—the inherent humanity that unites us all. Together, we have a real opportunity to build a better world that upholds universal human rights, lifts every human being, and advances peace and security for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe Biden", written in a cursive style.