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Congratulations Sent from UNA-USA and its Chapters to Our 46th President and Vice President.

Now, we let us begin again. Echoing the statement of UNA-USA Executive Director **Rachel Bowen Pittman**, we applaud President Biden's signing of Executive Orders within his first hours in office to revive our partnership with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and to reenter the **Paris Climate Agreement**. In order to truly begin again, we will all (members and friends) need to urge the Biden-Harris Administration and our Congressional delegation to fulfill our financial obligations to the UN, including UN Peacekeeping missions, and to restore our leadership in key UN Agencies, such as the United Nations Human Rights Council. We look forward to the hard work of strengthening USA involvement in the UN system. Thank you for doing your part. Chapter membership is a good start!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Friday, January 22, 2021, the **UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)** entered into force (90 days after ratification by over 50 member states). Its language was first approved by 122 member states in the General Assembly on July 7, 2017. The USA has neither signed nor ratified this Treaty. FMI visit: un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/tpnw

- The USA has not ratified numerous other international binding agreements. You can link to a number of these through our website: <https://unamaine.org/advocate>. For example, the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** which embodies universal ethical principles and international legal standards of behavior towards children, entered into force on September 2, 1990. The USA remains the ONLY nation of the 193 member states of the UN that has NOT ratified this. See: [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- In December 2020, after two years of intense expert research, the **High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy**, consisting of 14 Heads of State and Government, issued a report and new ocean action agenda, underpinned by sustainably managing 100% of their national waters. FMI and to read about/join the "Give it 100%" online campaign visit: <https://oceanpanel.org/>
- On **February 11**, from 10 to 11 AM, the **Maine International Trade Center (MITC)** is continuing its 3 part webinar series on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). MITC is partnering with the UN Global Compact USA to bring their "Making Global Goals Local Business" campaign to Maine. FMI and to register: [MITC/Global Compact/ SDG's](#)



Although typically held at the UN Headquarters in New York City, this year's Global Engagement Summit is ALL Virtual. For details on timing, distinguished speakers, opportunities to network, and to register, click here: [2021-global-engagement-summit](https://www.unmaine.org/2021-global-engagement-summit)

Sneak Preview!

REGISTRATION for the Maine Chapter Annual Meeting IS NOW OPEN!!

Our 2021 ANNUAL MEETING is set for **Saturday, February 27, from 10:00AM to 11:30 AM**, via Zoom (or telephone). The short meeting, and program is **FREE** and open to the public. After annual reports, and election of board members and officers, we will welcome acclaimed speaker **Kevin Roche, the CEO and General Manager of ecomaine**, a Maine leader in sustainable waste management strategies. Kevin comes to us highly recommended by former Maine Model UN students. There will be an opportunity for Q&A. And, don't miss the drawing for **door prizes!** Register NOW at: <http://www.unamaine.org>



KEVIN ROCHE--CEO & General Manager of ecomaine

Other Notable Events.

February 6, 10 AM to noon. Virtual UNA Maine Chapter Board meeting. All members welcome (including Bates College Chapter members). To get the link, contact us at info@unamaine.org

February 20-21, 2021. The topic for the **34th Annual Camden Conference** is "**The Geopolitics of the Arctic: A Region in Peril.**" FMI and to register, click [here](#) There are still quite a few FREE events related to this topic, available through ZOOM, prior to the Conference. To check out the options, visit: <https://www.camdenconference.org/events/>