Amid wars and conflicts, alliances and collaboration remain vital components to hold on to peace.

His Excellency Johan C. Verbeke was appointed Belgian ambassador to the U.S. in January 2014, having previously served as ambassador to the UK. Verbeke’s diplomatic career has included service as special representative of the UN Secretary General in Georgia and head of UNOMIG; special coordinator of the UN Secretary General in Lebanon; and permanent representative to the UN in New York, where Belgium was a member of the Security Council. He and his wife Catherine Dubois are the parents of three children.