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Thank you, Mr. President,

Please receive warm greetings from our President, Comandante Daniel Ortega Saavedra, our Vice President Rosario Murillo and the People of Nicaragua, wishing you success in the great responsibility you have assumed.

There are many issues of vital importance for the survival of our peoples to be discussed during this session.

This year we have witnessed a more convulsed world, encouraged by multiple crises, including violations of international law and the sovereignty of our peoples, wars and threats of the use of force, more poverty and inequality, however, before I delve into them, I want to share the reflections of our President Daniel that summarize the political will and the action that must guide us in order to achieve a Better and Peaceful World.

And I quote:

“We must assume the Commitment to continue fighting for Peace, which is a Global priority, of our Peoples, and that the conflicts that arise in different regions of our Planet can be overcome, through Dialogue, through negotiation and, above all, free from the use or threat of use of Force, which is what our Peoples desire most, from the Peoples of the Great Powers, to the Peoples with small populations, small in Development, but great, great in their Values and in their History.”

This should be the permanent commitment of the United Nations.

Mr. President,

We wish to express, on behalf of our People and Government, our Solidarity with all the brothers and sisters of our Great Caribbean, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and all the islands affected by the recent devastating meteorological phenomena, which every day, are more intense and more frequent, to the Brother Peoples and Government of Mexico for the two catastrophic earthquakes that occurred. Our Condolences and Prayers to all the families for their loss of loved ones, and to the Peoples and Government of the United States for the Hurricanes that caused major damage to the States of Texas and Florida.

Mr. President,

Let us focus on the need to eradicate poverty. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represents one of the most important achievements in the history of this Organization as a framework of a fight for a Just World Order, so that together, in Peace, Solidarity and Complementarity, we will progress in the Eradication of Poverty.

It is regrettable that such Poverty still persists and that Inequalities are now more marked than ever. However, this Development Agenda will have no meaning for our Peoples without a

Political Will, a Commitment and Solidarity among us, the Peoples of the World, to promote human development with social justice, and environmental policies that protect the planet, in harmony with nature, ensuring the survival of mankind, of life and rights of Mother Earth.

Mr. President,

After 72 years, our Organization has not been able to fully comply with the objectives set out in its Charter. Faced with this unfortunate situation, a call for “Re-foundation” is urgently needed. For this, we must promote the indispensable transformations, so that our Organization serves the interests of humanity.

We would like to highlight that, during his Presidency of this Assembly, in 2008, Father Miguel D'Escoto, (R.I.P.), whom we call in all fairness, the Chancellor of Dignity of Nicaragua, developed and fought until the very end, precisely for this re-foundation, laying the groundwork for the discussion of these transformations.

In this context, it is imperative to carry out the reforms of the United Nations Security Council, ensuring that its composition and function reflects the geopolitical and economic realities of the XXI Century International Community.

It is urgent for the negotiations to enter into a more dynamic phase, it is urgent to elaborate a negotiating text in order to achieve the convergences required and to proceed with these reforms during the 72nd Session of the General Assembly.

Mr. President,

Ambitious actions are urgently needed to combat climate change. We note with great concern the unprecedented record temperatures reached at the global level and insensitivity demonstrated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Developed countries must take the lead and change their unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and meet their financial commitments and technology transfers.

The Government and People of Nicaragua will always advocate for a Commitment to Climate Justice, as well as an indispensable Indemnity Policy, converted into direct and unconditional Cooperation.

Mr. President,

We have welcomed the reestablishment of relations between Cuba and the United States of America, however, it is painful to not only see the revival of measures that maintain the cruel, inhuman and criminal Economic, Financial and Commercial Blockade against Cuba, in force, but also the threats to its Sovereignty. From this podium, we join the voices in the world that demand “No to the Blockade to the heroic people of Cuba”, of Fidel, Raul, and Marti.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and its Bolivarian Revolution continue under foreign harassment, interference and aggression.

We strongly reject the threats of the use of force or military options made by the President of the United States against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, a threat that, as has been expressed by our Comandante Daniel Ortega: “there is no place for! The cry is unanimous in Latin America and the Caribbean; nobody wants Military Intervention from the United States! No one is asking the United States to come and intervene militarily in any Latin American and Caribbean country.”

Our Unconditional Solidarity with the Peoples of Bolivar and Chavez, and with the Government, presided over by Compañero, Constitutional President Nicolás Maduro and his People in the sovereign decision to democratically elect the National Constituent Assembly and in the defense of dialogue and negotiation as the only route for Peace and Reconciliation of the Great Venezuelan Family.

Mr. President,

We express our best wishes for the successful implementation of the Peace Accords in Colombia. President Daniel Ortega signaled, “Colombia is proving that there is no military solution, more than 50 years of war, in the end it was negotiation that imposed itself, there is no military solution”.

We greet and will always be in solidarity with the struggles of the peoples of Puerto Rico, country of Latin America and the Caribbean, with Western Sahara, under the leadership of the Polisario Front, and with the legitimate sovereignty rights of the Argentine Republic to the occupation of its Malvinas Islands.

Mr. President,

Nicaragua reiterates its commitment to the establishment of the two States, the State of Israel and the State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its Capital, according to the 1967 borders, living in Peace and Harmony.

We reiterate our total solidarity with the Government and People of Syria in their fight against international terrorism and in the defense of their sovereignty and territorial integrity. We emphasize the need for a political and negotiated solution between Syrians and the end of foreign intervention, including financing, military training and the sending of arms to Terrorist Groups, so that there may finally be peace.

With great sorrow, we have seen the multiplication of terrorist group attacks against Brother Peoples. We condemn Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Mr. President,

Nicaragua advocates for a general and complete disarmament and is in favor of the total elimination of nuclear weapons. We have signed the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty.

Verbal confrontation and threats of the use of nuclear weapons are unacceptable. There is a need to advance in the commitment to eliminate nuclear arsenals in the world, until they disappear from our planet and utilize these enormous resources for the eradication of poverty.

Mr. President,

The situation in the Korean Peninsula is of great concern. We affirm that nuclear testing contributes nothing to World Peace they are condemnable. But we call for a political and peaceful solution to this dangerous military scenario through Dialogue and Negotiation, ending the nuclearization of that region and achieving Reunification and Peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Mr. President,

If we want to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, we need to repeal unilateral coercive measures that violate international law and hinder the development plans of our countries.

The 2030 Agenda has been adopted on the basis of the principle of universality. Therefore, it is imperative not to leave anyone behind, and this includes the 23 million Taiwanese who are entitled to participate in the implementation of this global agenda. Taiwan is willing, and has the capacity to participate and contribute to the wide range of substantive programs of the United Nations for the wellbeing of humanity.

Mr. President,

In Central America, we strengthen our integration in all Fields and work together with our Brothers to combat the scourges of terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime, and to convert the Gulf of Fonseca into a Zone of Peace and Development.

Our Government of Reconciliation and National Unity, continues to work for the Restitution of the Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of all Nicaraguans.

The results have been historic and resounding achievements in the areas of equity, gender, investment, development and security.

Nicaragua has been recognized by the World Economic Forum as one of the countries of Latin America and the world with the best results in gender equity.

Citizen and human security is one of Nicaragua's main strengths, fundamental for social, political and economic stability, promoting a better quality of life, tranquility, justice, peaceful coexistence and integral development of families.

Nicaragua, in this respect, has developed a series of specific policies and programs in its fight against the scourges of our day, terrorism, crime, drug trafficking, trafficking of arms and human trafficking, among others.

These policies have had very positive results. Working together with the communities, has led to a successful collaboration that makes Nicaragua one of the safest and most impenetrable countries for organized crime in our region.

This success has been achieved because Nicaragua has managed to consolidate a serious, constructive and transparent Alliance between the Government, the Workers and the Private Sector in the Alliance, Dialogue and Consensus Model we have implemented. Counting on, at the same time, with the valuable International Cooperation, for which we are grateful.

We are a country that makes extraordinary efforts to make advancements in Combating Poverty. Therefore, it is condemnable, the Initiative of a group of Congressmen from the United States of North America, who are committed to damaging the economy of Nicaraguan families with a Bill, the Nica-Act, which is in the US Congress, in order to block Nicaragua's access to Funds of International Organizations whose Programs are aimed at Combating Poverty.

We remind the Members of the US Congress that there is a Judgment of the International Court of Justice of The Hague, ordering the United States to compensate the people of Nicaragua for damages in loss of Life and Materials caused by acts of terrorism, which despite Congressional opposition, were committed by the administration of President Reagan, including operations with drug traffickers to launder money to finance the war against Nicaragua by circumventing congressional bans.

Nicaragua hopes that Congress will approve the faithful compliance with the Judgment of the International Court of Justice that orders Nicaragua to be compensated and to reject Bills such as Nica-Act promoted by those who insist on harming Nicaraguan Families.

Mr. President,

To conclude, I would like to quote my President Daniel once again:

“Nicaragua makes before this General Assembly a permanent proposal to advocate in all Forums, in all Mechanisms and with all Nations with which we have Relations, for Peace, Stability and Security in all Regions of our Planet.”

Thank you.