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Mr. President,

We are proud to have an African brother, Representative of the Republic of Uganda, a member country of the African Union, our brother Sam Kutesa, presiding over the 69th Session of the General Assembly. We are confident that during your tenure you will have the ability to defend and advance the most pressing causes of our peoples. You have Nicaragua's support.

We would also like to congratulate the President of the previous General Assembly in the person of a brother of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, Ambassador John Ashe of Antigua and Barbuda and his entire team for their leadership and all their efforts to fulfill an Agenda for the benefit of our Peoples.

Mr. President,

We live in a World of many crises which intersect and relate to one another, where unjust and unequal development is prominent among Peoples and Nations.

The existing unjust economic order, product of Imperialism and its current Model of Global Capitalism, has not been able to respond to these increasingly growing and frequent crises. The poor of the World increase daily in both the South and the North, in flagrant violation of their most basic Human Rights.

We must work together to overcome and eradicate, poverty, hunger, malnutrition, disease, wars and conflicts, policies for regime changes and coups, violence against women and children, the arms race, the negative impacts of Climate Change and emerging social and slavery plagues, such as drug trafficking, organized crime and human trafficking, among others, in the shortest possible time.

Social Justice, Solidarity, Unity, Complementarity between Peoples and Brotherhoods and respect between Nations must prevail.

Mr. President,

The eradication of poverty remains the greatest challenge facing the world.

We will begin negotiations on the post-2015 agenda with the central concern of not having achieved the Millennium Development Goals in all developing countries. It is urgent to redouble efforts and create an enabling international environment that facilitates the means of implementation and appropriate financing to developing countries.

This post-2015 agenda is a new opportunity to strive for a just world order. It should promote sustained economic growth and inclusive, participatory social development, environmental protection and human dignity, with sufficient flexibility to respond to the needs, priorities and particularities of each country and region, conscious of the fact that no single model or recipe for development exists.

This agenda should be an intergovernmental, open and transparent process, developed on the basis of the result achieved in the Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and Rio +20 processes.

Mr. President,

Developing Countries suffer most from the adverse effects of climate change, whose Extreme Meteorological Phenomena are increasingly more frequent and intense. Despite our economic limitations and our priorities in the Eradication of Poverty and Sustainable Development, and with no obligations under the Convention, we are assuming the costs of our adaptation and mitigation.

We must urgently achieve a binding Agreement in 2015, which contains strong, ambitious and balanced commitments on all elements of the Agreement under the Framework Convention of the United Nations and in accordance with its principles and provisions, including Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities in order to address the seriousness of the climate crisis and protect the ecosystems that sustain life on our Mother Earth.

Mr. President,

No Country in the International Community can claim the right to use or threaten the use of force in International Relations. These exceptionalist policies not only do not resolve conflicts, but are used to stir them up, as we have seen in recent years.

Conflicts are resolved through Dialogue and Political Negotiation, and the United Nations, based on its Charter, must assume its responsibility and be the Lead Organism to ensure World Peace and reject warmongering policies, war and confrontation.

Given the challenges we face, a thorough reform of the United Nations becomes increasingly imperative, especially in the Security Council so that it, according to current realities, can count on the voices and votes of Developing Countries in the categories of Permanent and Non-Permanent Members.

Mr. President,

Our urgency is to have a World free of nuclear weapons, a total and complete disarmament.

Let us welcome September 26<sup>th</sup> as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, an initiative of the Non-Aligned Movement, as Cuba's proposal.

Mr. President,

Cuba, our Solidary Sister Nation, that given the growing epidemic of Ebola has once again made available its human and scientific resources to work side by side with our African brothers that fight the deadly virus.

This same Sister Nation, Cuba, continues to resist the criminal economic and financial blockade imposed on it by the United States.

Nicaragua reiterates its unconditional solidarity with Cuba; we demand the end of the blockade that violates International Law and the Human Rights of the People of Cuba.

We demand the immediate and unconditional release of the five anti-terrorist Cuban Patriots.

We denounce the role the United States arrogates to itself, to include countries in their unilateral and arbitrary list of State sponsors of international terrorism and demand that Cuba be excluded from that list.

We condemn these anachronistic policies of the United States, the worsening of the blockade and its extraterritorial nature.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and its Bolivarian Revolution remain under harassment, interference and external aggression.

Our Unconditional Solidarity is with its Government, headed by Compañero Nicolas Maduro and its People in the defense of their Revolutionary and Liberating Process.

Mr. President,

We must put an immediate end to the illegal occupation by Israel of Palestinian land, and not allow Israel to once again continue its aggression and brutal attacks on Palestinian Men, Women and children.

The Security Council should once and for all fulfill their obligations and demand that Israel end these policies and practices to make way for the sovereign and independent State of Palestine, based on its pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital and so that both States, Palestine and Israel can coexist in peace.

Nicaragua reiterates its absolute and unconditional solidarity with the State of Palestine in their fight for their freedom and their Inalienable Rights.

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 negotiated political solution amongst Syrians and the end of foreign intervention, including the financing and supplying of weapons to terrorist groups.

Faced with these conflicts, rather than opt for dialogue and negotiation to resolve them, the NATO countries make unilateral decisions, measures and actions outside the United Nations framework and in violation of international law, including aerial bombardment in territories of Sovereign Countries.

Mr. President,

On several occasions, Nicaragua expressed its rejection and condemnation of actions aimed at regime change, which break the constitutional order, lead to widespread violence, incite the use of force and open the door to coups to overthrow legitimate Governments, elected by the People's will.

We have witnessed this Policy in Ukraine which has led to loss of life, displacement of populations and created a humanitarian crisis with unpredictable consequences.

Because we want peace and believe in the prevention and resolution of conflicts by peaceful and inclusive means, we reject these policies as well as the imposition of unilateral measures and economic sanctions that violate International Law.

Nicaragua recognizes the Cooperation of China/Taiwan to Developing Countries, particularly in Food and Social Inclusion Programs and reiterate our support for the legitimate aspirations of China/Taiwan for greater participation in the United Nations specialized agencies in accordance with the requirements and needs of this population of 23 million.

Mr. President,

We reiterate our full support for the legitimate Rights of the Republic of Argentina in the dispute over the sovereignty of the Islas Malvinas, Sandwich del Sur and adjacent islands. The United Kingdom must comply immediately with the United Nations resolutions, and initiate direct negotiations with Argentina.

Likewise, we support and consider ourselves part of Argentina's fight against vulture funds.

Puerto Rico continues under the colonial yoke and requires, now more than ever, our solidarity and active support in their struggle for their independence and self-determination.

The United States must free the longest standing political prisoner, Puerto Rican Patriot, Oscar López Rivera.

We welcome and remain in solidarity with the struggle of the People of Western Sahara under the leadership of the Polisario Front.

Mr. President,

Nicaragua, a small country, which bases its policies in Christian Values, Socialist Principles and Practices of Solidarity, in this complex global environment, works in a proactive way in various International and Regional Forums promoting policies of Peace, Unity and Understanding among Nations, for political and negotiated solution to conflicts, the rights of our peoples to achieve their Sustainable Development and Wellbeing.

Mr. President,

Our Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Nuestramérica, ALBA, group in which Nicaragua is a member, has been a factor of Unity, Complementarity and Economic Integration in our region, promoting in turn, other forums such as PETROCARIBE, where 20 countries of our region are integrated, and which has resulted in immediate and concrete benefits in the wellbeing of our peoples as a way to overcome Poverty, Hunger and Inequality.

This coming December 14th we will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its foundation, a product of the Unitarian Vision of Latin American and Caribbean Comandantes Hugo Chavez Frías and Fidel Castro Ruz.

These steps in regional integration were fruitful with the creation of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, from which we deepen our political, economic and cultural integration process, respecting our diversity and building our Unity. We have declared our region as a Zone of Peace.

Within SICA, the Central American Integration System, we strengthen our integration in all fields and work together to fight the scourge of 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, under the vision and leadership of our President, Comandante Daniel Ortega Saavedra, continues to work for the Restitution of the Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of all Nicaraguans.

We have become the country with the greatest public safety in the region, our fight against drug trafficking, organized crime and human trafficking has been recognized as the most forceful and effective in the region, with a consistently increasing economic growth, one of the highest in our region, reducing poverty and extreme poverty, complying with the provisions of the Millennium Development Goals, empowering women in their Political and Economic Participation, coming in at the top places in the World for Women Ministers, Parliamentarians and Mayors.

We combat Violence against Women and Children head on, with firm Laws and Social Programs for both, with Commissariats for Women in all municipalities of the country. Free and prioritized Education and Healthcare for all Nicaraguans, Early Childhood Care Programs and Maternal Homes throughout the country.

In our Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean, in addition to the Restitution of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendants, the Autonomy Process strengthens everyday, having completed the Process of Land Titling in the Indigenous and Afro-descendant Communities.

All these efforts of our People and Government, our Policies of Inclusion and Social Justice have been initially recognized, appropriated and supported by our own Peoples and

emphasized as good practices to follow, by all Agencies, Projects and Programs of the United Nations System.

Mr. President,

In conclusion we note that the work of this Session of the General Assembly and in the coming years will be crucial for Developing Countries and the rest of the World.

Let us unite from this very moment to achieve these urgent and necessary changes for a Better World and so that our Peoples may "Live Well".

Thank You.