



# Republic of Nicaragua

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**Mr. President,**

**Excellencies,**

Nicaragua adheres to the statement made by Fiji on behalf of the G77 + China.

And we thank the President of the General Assembly for convening this important meeting on financing for development.

**Mr. President,**

The global financial and economic crisis is the greatest challenge that our people have faced in recent decades and the most serious threat to the welfare of our people. What we are experiencing is a systemic and structural global economic crisis, not just another cyclical crisis.

The capitalist financial system is in crisis because it speculates with all assets and values in order to obtain the maximum profit possible. This crisis did not come about by ignorance, nor by inexperience, or ingenuity, much less by accident. This crisis, and all prior under this economic system - concentrated on wealth and multiplier of poverty - reflects structural factors, both financial and non-financial, which constitute the essence of contemporary economies.

The consequences of the crisis, which are not yet fully measurable, are endless and therefore we shall not dwell now in its listing.

**Mr. President,**

The crisis will not be solved with an injection of fiscal money or some regulatory measures, or enhancing failed institutions but by searching for real alternatives to the existing inadequate international economic order.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are specialized United Nations institutions. In this sense, they are supposed to work closely with United Nations bodies and other specialized institutions in achieving the objectives set out in the Charter and instruments of the organization. However, the role of the Bretton Woods Institutions, since its establishment have functioned as commercial corporations attempting against the principles and objectives for which they were founded, therefore, Nicaragua calls for their major reform to allow the participation of all its members, on equal terms, regardless of their economic weight.

This crisis is emphasizing that the current global reserve system, based on the hegemony of a currency (the dollar of the United States of America), is unstable and inadequate, and we must begin discussions for a new reservation system.

We believe that we must consider the establishment of a Global Monetary Council to coordinate the realization of monetary agreements between regional blocs whose priority functions would be monetary policy, international finance and banking and the creation of a global currency that guarantees transparency and stability in the issue and in the movement of capital, providing resources for development.

With regard to the strengthening of the monitoring mechanism for the process of financing for development, we consider as essential elements that it must be a government-led process, with the active participation of various stakeholders, but especially that it make it possible to obtain a report on the status of compliance with commitments and measures to ensure the observance of the same.

Nicaragua reaffirms the undeniable role of the United Nations, particularly the General Assembly, as a universal forum for the legitimacy of the most important decisions, particularly economic type issues affecting each and every one of the planet's inhabitants.

**Mr. President,**

We reiterate that it is time to have a follow-up Conference on Financing for Development. This conference will give the opportunity for developing countries to set global financial economic policy, and not simply wait for the G8 and G20 to impose their recipes on us. In addition, it will guide us to where the solutions to the global economic crisis and the definition of a new international financial architecture should be considered by everyone. Nicaragua will be present at the highest levels to participate in this important discussion that should lead us to propose a new international economic order.

**Thank you.**