



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I would like to refer to General Assembly resolution 71/318 of 28 August 2017 on the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation which will be convened in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 20-22 March 2019.

This High-level Conference is held on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the 1978 United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries which adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. Over the past decades, South-South cooperation has undergone major transformation; it has demonstrated its resilience, especially during the global financial crisis, and its potential. Furthermore, South-South and triangular cooperation have been identified as important modalities of international cooperation for development, contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We therefore have an important task in front of us in the upcoming days and weeks. We must together ensure that we produce a meaningful draft outcome document by February 2019. We must also ensure that the High-level Conference, one of the major United Nations conferences in 2019 taking place prior to the 2019 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly, galvanizes great political support.

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In this regard, I have the honour to highly encourage your Government to participate in this very important Conference at the highest possible level, notably at the level of Heads of State and Government.

It is my hope that the High-level Conference will be another milestone for the expansion of South-South cooperation and reaffirm the role of the United Nations as the main forum for multilateralism. Please count on my full support as we strengthen and further invigorate South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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