The President of the General Assembly (PGA), H.E. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, met on 11 January 2019 with H.E. Mr. Miguel Octavio Vargas Maldonado, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Dominican Republic and President of the Security Council for the month of January 2019. The PGA congratulated the Dominican Republic on the assumption of the presidency of the Security Council. She welcomed the Dominican Republic’s initiative to hold an open debate to highlight the nexus of climate-related disasters on international peace and security. They discussed critical issues on the agenda of the Security Council and General Assembly, including climate change, youth, peace, and security.

The PGA and the Minister also expressed their readiness for greater collaboration between the two important organs in advancing the agenda of peace and security of the United Nations.