## SPEECH OF

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Mr. President,
Respected Heads of States,
Distinguished Delegates,
Esteemed Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Equatorial Guinea takes part in the debates which takes place here in this 61 st. Ordinary Period Sessions of the United Nations' General Assembly, with the full conviction that this World Organisation still constitutes the sole forum which should have the whole authority required to solve any situation that may be presented to the International Community.

Pretending to override this authority would be irrational, and would be an attempt to deny the universal principles of International Rights which governs our world with justice and equity.

It is for this reason that, before tackling any of the problems or issues contained in our Order of the bay, allow me to render a well deserved homage to H.E. Mr. KOFFI ANNAN, Secretary General of this World Organisation, and Mr. JEAN PING, President of the 61<sup>s</sup>t. Ordinary Period of Sessions of the General Assembly, for the very difficult task accomplished in the face of all the conflicts which has threatened the peace and stability of this planet during the year 2006.

With the same logical responsibility, we would like to congratulate the judicious election of Her Excellency, Madam SHEIKA HAYA RASHEED AL KHALIFA, Judicial Counsellor at the Royal Court of Bahrain, who will preside the General Assembly during the year 2007.

We do believe that her election is an implicit recognition of the seriousness, vocation and dynamism which characterizes her country's continuous quest for world equilibrium as well as the respect for the principles of International Right of human freedom, the right of the Peoples auto determination, that of nations Independence and their National Sovereignty, the mutual respect of Nations and International Cooperation for the development and respect of Human Rights.

Mr. President.

This present Session will take off in a period of complete uncertainty for Humanity, due to the multiple conflicts as well as the increasing socio-political imbalance which threatens the life of millions of people in the world. Humanity today, finds herself in a complex situation that faces several questions as the following:

Which is the role of the United Nations Organisation presently, in the absence of priority in her decisions?

What has been the gain of the disappearance of the Cold War?

What is the expected future of Humanity in a pretentious globalization world; a world which is governed by a political and economical system of inequality and highly marked by a complete lack of collaboration for the eradication of poverty in the less developed nations?

What is the expected future of the underdeveloped nations where the gap in the acquisition of the required technology keeps increasing more and more?

And so on, what is the expected future of the underdeveloped, whereby great intelligent structures are constantly scheming plans to maintain the world submitted under the economic dominance and political influence of the powerful nations?

These and many other similar questions should be the focal points of attention of the politicians of this World Body in order to put a stop to this crooked path of our international relations.

Presently, there is no Judge who is able to pass judgement with equity and impartiality over any international conflict. From our point of view and judgement, the authority of the United Nations has been taken hostage by certain private interests that are monopolizing the World.

Nevertheless, I am still of the opinion that we can still rescue the situation if we do not want a complete derailment of the International Community, because the results obtained so far are not satisfactory.

We first of all have to democratize this World Organisation by reinstating her authority that she rightfully deserves in the international scenery.

On the other hand, we have to set up an objective value to the globalization of politics, by adopting new political and economical strategies which will protect the legitimate interests of the weaker ones.

In the contrary, we would have to be ready to endure a world dilemma as a result of our incapacity to sustain the present pressures anymore as well as the existing level differences.

The numerous conferences held at different political, economical and social forums have designed various strategies meant to reduce this gap that separates us all; but these have always met with the complete indifference of those who are suppose to execute them.

We are not to be surprised then, Dear Sirs, of the phenomena of terrorism which threatens the world today, because, though their methods and destructive effects on humans are condemnable, it remains as the recourse of those oppressed, a reaction of those who oppose the present injustices denounced throughout the last quarter of a century.

The same phenomena of the massive migration of peoples from the South who continually invades the North is another of the consequences of the huge disequilibrium caused by the present unjust international economical system. This migration will never cease to exist if the North does not help to develop the South with solidarity supportive programmes.

We wish that democracy, equity and solidarity for a more homogenous world, becomes the rules that would enable international relations to function, especially those governed by the Bretton Woods, the world organisation for commerce, the relationship of the European Union and the *ACP* Nations, and all other economical relationship between the North and the South.

## Mr. President,

On the other hand, nature has given immense natural resources to the world in such a way that all could live with dignity. We do not have to resort to the deeply rooted rules of exchange which favours some and discriminate others.

This manner of wanting to grab hold of these resources which belongs to Humanity, by those who still believes the bad ways of the past, or rather on their ability and illegal exploitation by force, are the same people who support the international organisations of mercenaries who falls on the weaker nations in order to create internal political instabilities, for their own selfish interests.

In effect, Majesties, Esteemed Heads of States and Government, Distinguished Delegates, My Country has been a victim of this type of plotting, due to the fact that we own crude oil; the product which today divides and destroys the world. Well, My Country was able to avert a mercenary invasion on the 06 <sup>th</sup>. Of March 2004, which was organized by the powers who are disputing and nurturing ambitions to freely get a hold of the crude of the world.

Fortunately, the Security Services were alerted in time and were able to avoid the expected genocide. The direct responsible people of this attempted coup are serving their terms in the prisons while the intellectual brains behind the whole thing are still at large and jeering at justice in the face.

Nevertheless, My Country does not believe that this natural resource belongs to us alone. Therefore, Mi Country does not perceive even 30% of the proceeds emanating from this exploitation, because, as we have explained over and over, due to the unjust system of exchange applied, the exploitation contracts do give the lion share of these proceeds to our partners of the North.

To this regard, we recall that during the 60<sup>th</sup>. General Assembly, Ordinary Period of Sessions I requested that in order for the responsibility of transparency to become even, there was need to demand same from the foreign operators of the extracting industries, the compliance of the contracts and regulations wihich guarantees the equal benefits between the parties concerned.

Your Excellencies, Majesties, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The message from Equatorial Guinea is that we react as humans, because we are still on time to make our planet Earth a better place for human beings. Therefore, let us renounce greediness, inordinate ambitions and insensibility in the face of so much horror and misery that consumes our world, so that we can feel as an affected part of this system of injustice and inequality, so that Men, finally as Men, be able to hold hands together and face with solidarity, intelligence and wisdom this challenge to preserve Humanity from the flogging of wars, misery and underdevelopment.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH