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Thank you, Mr. Chair, and all Protocol Observed

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries – CPLP.

I wish to congratulate you on your assumption of the chairmanship of the Fourth Committee and congratulate the other members of the Bureau

The Community unites countries, whose sharing of the Portuguese language is a vehicle to promote, jointly, the primacy of Peace, Democracy, Rule of Law, Humans Rights, Economic Development and Social Justice, among them and in their relation to other people and communities.

CPLP members, Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste value the fact that an increasing number of non-Portuguese-speaking countries have expressed political interest in joining them, as countries associated with the organization.

The promotion of the Portuguese language in the national and international context of multilingualism, can only act in favor of

cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, respectively the attribute of and the need for an increasingly interconnected world.

In addition, respect for cultural diversity, as a way of bringing differences closer, rather than distancing them, is intimately linked to the concept of multilateralism, central in the action of the United Nations.

Mr. Chair

As the world moves forward, access to timely, correct information in the appropriate language is of paramount importance and it is, in many instances, decisive to improving people's lives, safety and progress.

At a time when all nations face the unprecedented pandemic and its multiple consequences and impacts, accurate information is an essential tool, valuable as well in the search for solutions to the problems themselves.

Now, more than never, the provision of correct, impartial, comprehensive and multilingual information is an imperative service to international audiences.

That brings me to thank the USG Melissa Fleming, and the Department of Global Communications for their commitment to inform and to promote the work of the United Nations, particularly for their vigorous response to the communications challenges posed by the pandemic.

The Department of Global Communications (DGC) is a cornerstone of the UN system, disseminating and promoting the UN message across the world, not only in the 6 official UN language but also in several other languages.

Portuguese is among the other languages in which information about the UN is disseminated, reaching out over 300 million people who have Portuguese as their mother tongue in the Member States on four continents and in a large diaspora worldwide. And thanks to the UN News Portuguese and a network of stakeholders in media organizations worldwide, as well as to the engagement of the UN Information Centers (UNIC) around the world, that audience has been growing exponentially.

Mr Chair

Every two years, since 1999, the United Nations and the CPLP take stock of and extend their cooperation with the adoption of a new Resolution at the General Assembly.

As we came together to do so in 2021, I would like to keep in mind the shared values that structure our relationship and that allow the two Organizations to cooperate in an increasing number of fields.

Our common goals of peace, human rights and people's well-being could not be fully met without our shared aspirations to reinvigorate the nexus between and the joint contribution of multilateralism and multilingualism

The Group of Ambassadors of the CPLP States to the UN remains attentive in the pursuit of these objectives and it is on their behalf that I would like to thank you again for your attention.