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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri,
President of the 55th Session of the General Assembly,
on the earthquake in El Salvador and recent floods in Bolivia**

May I, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly, extend to the Governments and the peoples of El Salvador and Bolivia, our deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of lives and extensive material damage, resulting from yet another earthquake in El Salvador and the recent floods in Bolivia.

May I also express the hope that the international community will demonstrate its solidarity by responding promptly and generously to any requests from Bolivia and El Salvador for assistance in their present plight.