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Distinguished Co-Chairmen,

Ladies and gentlemen, Chiefs of Delegation;

On behalf of Mexico –a nation of peace, democracy and freedom, an advocate of multilateralism, international law and cooperation– I wish to convey a message of hope today.

We created this Organization sixty years ago. He have had achievements but also dark moments.

We have been successful in preventing a nuclear war that would have probably been the last in the history of humankind, but we were unable to stop many others in which millions of people perished.

The members of this Organization share commitments, principles and values on which we have built this common house.

Our Organization has a clear concept of development as a shared responsibility. It has been embedded in the Monterrey Consensus.

The concept of security that we now assume has a multidimensional character. It sustains that security is not possible for us all, if socioeconomic development and respect for human rights are not achieved.

This is the only way in which the peoples can reach a larger freedom, as has been proposed by our Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan.

We celebrate the decision to establish the Peacebuilding Commission, an initiative that will enable us to face post-conflict situations and attend to reconstruction processes.

The Outcome Document that this Assembly will adopt next Friday already contains many of the elements that will pave the way toward the comprehensive reform of our Organization.

We have made progress, but there are still pending issues that are essential, such as disarmament and non-proliferation, both horizontal and vertical, of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction.

We are still lacking the Security Council comprehensive reform which should ensure a greater representativeness, transparency and real accountability for the benefit of the efficiency of the work of the Council.

We must advance in the creation of the Human Rights Council as a standing body that should consider all the situations of human rights violations and guarantee an evaluation of the performance of its members.

We have not been able to agree upon a definition of terrorism so as to provide ourselves with a treaty which we are still lacking.

We need that the agreements reached and also the tasks that we face before us are complemented with a clear time framework and also with specific commitments.

This will be the only way in which we can transform our organization in an evermore efficient instrument in favor of peace and development. That is the demand of our peoples. We must answer to it.

Mexico firmly believes in the present and the future of the United Nations. That is why we promote the work carried out by the Group of Friends of the United Nations Reform.

The Group which constitutes in itself a microcosm of the Organization, has gathered the political will and leadership of its Members to put forth feasible recommendations, including on those issues where general consensus seemed hard to achieve.

My appreciation to all its members for their work and dedication.

Distinguished Co-Chairmen,

I commend you for the work carried out under your leadership, and I wish the United Nations every success in achieving the reforms that will enable our Organization to respond to the needs of humanity.

The future of the United Nations now demands a renewed commitment to the principles and values that inspired its creation.

Making sure that our Organization remains as the best means to attain international peace, security and development requires our shared commitment. It demands "unity amongst diversity" which has been, is and will be, our greatest hope.

Here and now, together, we can achieve it.

Thank you.