

2020 High-Level Commemoration of the United Nations Day
for South-South Cooperation

New York, September 10, 2020

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you, Mr. Director

1. The delegation of Nicaragua would like to thank the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation for convening this High-level virtual meeting in commemoration of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation.

2. We associate ourselves with the statement made by the delegation of Guyana on behalf of the G77 and China and wish to make some particular points on this important issue in our national capacity.

3. This meeting is being held at a time when humanity is facing the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has accentuated poverty, hunger and inequality.

4. In the midst of this pandemic, it is important to promote South-South cooperation, which as always should be practiced in a supportive, complementary and horizontal manner among our countries, and should cover issues such as the exchange of knowledge, technologies and experiences, capacity building and the strengthening of human and institutional resources.

5. We celebrate the 42nd Anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action to Promote and Implement Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (BAPA).

5. We reiterate that South-South cooperation cannot substitute North-South cooperation and that it should not be analyzed or evaluated using any of the North-South standards.

6. South-South and Triangular cooperation is essential for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and this Decade of Action, since it promotes multilateralism, solidarity, and cooperation and allows us to have access to technological resources, respecting sovereignty, national development plans and social and economic policies, without any type of conditions.

7. It is necessary to consider the difficulties created by the imposition of Coercive Unilateral Economic Measures, illegal sanctions which affect South-South cooperation and therefore, our Peoples in the struggle to eradicate Poverty.

8. For this reason, it is imperative to immediately suspend any coercive economic measure imposed unilaterally on peoples, particularly in developing countries, since these sanctions and aggressions are the greatest obstacle to the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

9. We wish to thank Cuba, that even in times of pandemic and suffering from a harsh, criminal and illegal blockade, has sent medical brigades to other countries, including developed countries, to help them face COVID-19, giving us once again an immense example

of the maximum and genuine expression of solidarity and cooperation.

10. This south-south solidarity should not be the justification for developed countries to continue failing to meet their commitments. In this sense, it is very important that these countries fulfill their commitments in terms of Official Development Assistance, technology transfer and capacity building.

Thank you very much.