STATEMENT
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Guatemala, as a founding member of the United Nations, recognizes that this is the most representative central mechanism for dialogue and creation of norms that we have as an international community, and we must congratulate ourselves on these 75 years of existence.

The UN has accompanied the world to face various crises, wars and challenges of all kinds, but the current pandemic caused by Covid-19 is the largest emergency that humanity has faced, that also highlighted the gaps and socio-economic problems in our countries. It is an important time to reflect on whether it is necessary to rethink ourselves as States to make deep changes to this Organization in order to make it more agile and at the service of the true protagonists, the most vulnerable populations.

We must redouble our commitment and strengthen the United Nations system, to regain confidence and be able to face emerging common challenges and fulfill the purposes of the Charter of the Organization.

We call for us to multiply efforts through strategic cooperation and direct it to where it is most needed, preventing resources from being centralized in administrative aspects in the United Nations System, both at headquarters and in country offices.

It is appropriate to emphasize that Guatemala has contributed to the pillars of this Organization, allow me to highlight that:

In the pillar of peace and security, we favor the strengthening of preventive diplomacy. We continue to support different Missions of Peacekeeping Operations with men and women. Guatemala reaffirms its position and ratifies that weapons of mass destruction should not be used under any circumstance.
In the development pillar, we are implementing the SDGs and next year we will be presenting our third National Voluntary Report. We know that by redoubling our joint efforts we can fulfill the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement. In the human rights pillar, we highlight the importance of not losing sight of the concept of universality of human rights, we must act with unity, promote equal access to opportunities for all. We reiterate our efforts to comply with universal and effective respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of all people.

We reiterate the need to break the silos between the pillars to achieve a coherent and integrated approach to the work of the Organization, which recognizes that peace and security, development, and human rights are interrelated and mutually reinforcing.

We reaffirm our commitment to multilateralism; we are convinced of the role of the United Nations to forge an inclusive and sustainable future for future generations. They count on us.

Thank you very much.