Intervention of the Plurinational State of Bolivia at the United Nations

Thematic Consultation 2 on the Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Our Common Agenda"

Informal plenary

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Thank you Mister President,

1. In this Second Thematic Consultation aimed at discussing how to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals through sustainable financing and confidence building, Bolivia joins the intervention of Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China, and the intervention of Botswana on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries.

Mister President,

2. Strengthen democratic institutions, the exercise of human rights and freedoms are fundamental elements to maintain a rule of law. Unfortunately, the Bolivian people, between November 2019 and November 2020, suffered the brutalities of a coup d'état with thirty fatal victims whose relatives hope that these crimes will not go unpunished.

3. In this context, we value the role that the United Nations played in protecting the victims and their
families. At the same time, we believe that its contribution will be important so that justice is served for those who gave their lives during the coup, and the false arguments used by certain political actors trying to discredit the judicial processes are dismissed.

4. Bolivia, within the framework of its constitution and in application of international law, has the obligation to prosecute this type of crime, which violated the most basic human rights, as it was identified by the International Group of Independent Experts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, such as massacres and extrajudicial executions.

5. In another area of issues, but which also meaning to our democracies are "public goods". All humanity, every human being has the right to universal, equitable and non-discriminatory access to health, education, security and care. It is also the case for access to all basic services including water and sanitation, energy, and telecommunications, in order to eradicate poverty in all its dimensions.
6. States must guarantee these rights in order to prevent that national and transnational private profit motivation continue to condemn millions of people to poverty and vulnerability.

7. We also reaffirm that the redistribution of wealth is the right way to finance a minimum well-being of our peoples. In this regard, my delegation believes that taxes are useful tools for reducing current obscene inequities and for promoting sustainability, as long as their burden is progressive and does not end up falling on the poorest.

8. **Transparency and accountability** must to become a daily practice and are elemental to reduce illicit financial flows and corporate corruption.

**Mister President,**

9. For more than a decade, Bolivia has been arguing that the **Gross Domestic Product** does not reflect the nature of development, the potentialities and needs of developing countries. We agree that an alternative
metric is required, which must not subsume and subordinate nature to a monetary value. Instead, it must express the interdependence between economic, social systems and the natural basis that sustains them, recognizing the economy of care that is born reproductive labor at home, and the reproductive labor of Mother Earth.

10. All this is part of a different way of thinking and visualizing development, beyond consumerism and the generation of capital, in order to make the economy sustainable, inclusive, resilient and fair. Consequently, we consider important the initiative to discuss the Global Economy in biannual Summits, to ensure that the peoples speak and can actively participate in the redesign of economic models.

Finally, Mr President,

11. We appreciate the importance that the Secretary-General's report attaches to listening activities. The great challenge we have is ensuring that all voices
have the space for the construction of public policies and for all matters inherent to public institutions, and prevent that a few privileged voices decide for the majority. We are here to listen to each other, in order to jointly tackle the challenges we face as an International Community.

Thank you very much, Mister President.