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Distinguished Heads of State, Heads of Government, Delegates,

I am honored to address you today; it is a double honor, for this is a very high tribune, the highest, as well as because I represent a new government in Mexico. One that has just been elected, and has been not even a year in power, headed by Andrés Manuel López Obrador. The objective and purpose of this government has been to lead the fourth transformation of Mexico.

Mexico has had three very important transformations in its history, the first one, the Independence of Mexico; the second one, the liberal Reformation, steered by Benito Juárez and the restoration of the Republic, and the third one, the Mexican Revolution. We are today in the Fourth Transformation. Not only does this mean a change of government, but also, of regime.

What is the purpose of this Fourth Transformation? Firstly, President López Obrador has been asked what the purpose of this fourth transformation is. What it is or how can one synthesize its purpose and proposals. He has replied: "What we propose in the first place, is to end corruption in Mexico. To separate the economic power from the political power, to establish respect for republican and austerity norms, and to have a different relation with society to the one we had during the last years."

Secondly, inequality in the country is to be significantly reduced, because we still have more than fifty-two million people in poverty, even though we are one of the largest economies in the world, with a large successful exports platform. Reducing inequality is thus, the second great purpose.

The third, is to accelerate the growth of the economy based on confidence in ourselves, with productivity, innovation, organization, and worldwide presence. That is what Mexico is doing today.

The fourth objective. As a result of the previous three, is for Mexico to be secure, that we can have peace and security for Mexican families.

In summary, Mexico has regained confidence in itself, and today I want to highlight that one of our priority interests is to strengthen, expand, and deepen our adherence to the multilateral system, to efficient multilateralism.

We are aware that we are in difficult times; that there are many challenges and risks for the global coexistence; for peace; for the security of nations; and it is time that this renewed, determined, and self-confident Mexico has a broad, deep and intense participation to strengthen our multilateral order and its standards.

This why, Mexico recently presented its candidacy to be part of the Security Council in 2021. Additionally, in recent months, we have sought the endorsement of the United Nations in many fields of the activities and priorities of Mexico, and we will continue to do so, adhering to and fully participating in the causes defended by all of us represented here.

I must say, in the first place, that our foreign policy and our participation in the United Nations will be guided by the principles of the Mexican foreign policy: non-intervention, self-determination of the peoples, and the peaceful settlement of disputes. For that reason, in Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico opposes measures such as the embargo against Cuba, or the imposition of sanctions on countries, and we advocate that peoples, nations, countries can resolve our differences through dialogue and communication.

Peace is based on politics as a method, and not on the use of force. Mexico is committed to the defense and expansion of the values of freedom and human rights.

Mexico will also engage with determination in the call made by the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, to accelerate steps and redouble our efforts for climate action. We have already presented additional actions, as we consider this a matter of survival for humanity, and therefore, this commitment does not admit delay or excuses.

Mexico will also participate intensely in the field of and to promote solutions to migratory flows and the inequalities that we are facing in several regions of the world.

Needless to say that this year, so far, in Central America and Mexico migratory flows exceed the numbers of previous years; we are talking about more than one million, one million three hundred thousand people moving. This means we are in one of the regions with the most important migratory flows in the world.

Mexico has proposed to the United Nations, and I take this opportunity to thank the support of the Secretary General, who requested the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America, which is the body, the organization for the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, to prepare a Comprehensive Development Plan for the South of Mexico, as well as Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, which was presented yesterday, with the participation and support of eighteen institutions of the United Nations system, and thirty five countries so far.

I mentioned efficient multilateralism before, because we fully adhere to multilateralism, as we think it is the most effective way we have to solve the great problems faced by the world today.

On migration, we believe that coercive measures have no chances to succeed. We believe that migration should be an option, it should not be forced by insecurity and, mainly, by poverty. Therefore, we have great expectations in this Comprehensive Development Plan, and Mexico has increased its cooperation to implement it, more than five times this year. With this, Mexico aims to demonstrate that with determination, commitment, and involving several countries, we can create more than sixty thousand jobs in the region in one year. With this, we would actually be making a reality that people have options where they live, and do not have to be forced to migrate.

We also are very grateful and will continue to partner with the United Nations to guarantee transparency in all the important decisions that the Mexican government must take in these months and years to accelerate its development.

We have invited UNOPS, and several UN agencies that are participating with us, in this great quest to end corruption. We are moving forward together and we will continue to do so.

Only a few days ago, I highlighted that the Mexican government considers itself a feminist government, and we will demonstrate this with our commitments and with action in the following years. We believe that gender equality is the base, the foundation, of a society characterized by equality. You cannot change social reality without a deep and wide commitment to promote gender equality.

That is why, I announce that the Government of Mexico will support all the efforts of Beijing +25, and the ongoing initiatives of the United Nations.

We favor no one being persecuted for their sexual preferences. We are and will continue to be an active, determined and committed government to protect the freedoms and rights of persons, including their sexual preferences.

Persecution is what divides us, exclusion is what destroys hope. Therefore, we must be committed and defend the rights and freedoms of each person.

We think, of course, and Mexico will inform at the UNESCO convention, that we must redouble our efforts to effectively protect the cultural heritage of all peoples.

Mexico has shown in many areas that looting of the historical and cultural heritage of the peoples should not be allowed by the international community. Therefore, we will be militantly participating to achieve that goal, and of course, we will join efforts with other peoples and nations represented here, who have shown the same concern.

We are concerned and we are dealing with the fight against terrorism. For instance, recently, just last August, we had, and suffered partially, the effects of the tragedy of El Paso, Texas; among the victims were Mexican men and women.

According to the perpetrator this tragedy was linked, inspired by what happened in Christchurch, New Zealand; thus, we have to raise awareness about "white supremacism." That the ideas of the replacement of civilizations are already having a very evident connection, as mentioned by the Secretary General. Therefore, we have to add efforts to face this. Not only does this mean prevention, but also to take all possible actions to avoid these events keep happening, and to face the cultural battle, the civilizational battle, to impede these ideas calling into question the very foundation of our living together, in our countries and at global scale, to continue expanding.

The individual who promoted and executed this massacre uploaded online, twenty minutes before, a document stating that the Hispanic community was his target, similarly to what happened in New Zealand in the Christchurch events against the Muslim community.

Mexico will be participating in a very firm way, together with several countries present here, and the United Nations agencies, to face this threat to coexistence and the very existence of the democracies with which all the members of the United Nations.

We seek, I said before, a more just and secure society in Mexico. We also seek that multilateralism throughout the world, Mr. President, be strengthened. We have a critical vision of what have today; we must strengthen multilateralism and we must contain the unilateralist trends emerging everywhere, we have that critical vision. That is why we want to participate in the Security Council, that's why we are here with you today, and that is why, we propose reforms. We will propose them in the coming months, knowing that the United Nations and multilateralism must be strengthened, and they are the home of the best causes of the world.

Mr. President, Ladies and gentleman. Allow me to conclude, that Mexico has regained confidence in itself; Mexico has something to share with you; Mexico shares causes such as those pointed out by the Secretary General in his inaugural address at this Assembly, and we have everything to be able to greatly take forward multilateralism in this generation; an advance based on United Nations Organization.

Lastly, I would like to quote the following verses by the poet King, Nezahualcóyotl:

What will I take when I go?  
Will I leave nothing after me on earth?  
How should my heart act?  
Have we come to live in vain, to sprout on the ground?  
At least, let us leave flowers;  
At least, let us leave songs.

Thank you.