



GROUP OF FRIENDS  
IN DEFENSE OF THE  
CHARTER OF THE  
**UNITED NATIONS**

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY H.E. MR. HÉCTOR CONSTANT ROSALES, AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA, DURING THE INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY**

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**Mr. President,**

1. I have the honor to take the floor on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations.
2. The Member States of our Group of Friends recognize that achieving the sustainable development of our nations requires the strengthening, deepening and expansion of international cooperation and solidarity and the implementation of other equally important commitments that are intrinsically linked to this overarching goal, particularly with regards to Mother Nature and the need to urgently change the current system of consumption and production towards sustainable patterns.
3. In this regard, we reaffirm that the United Nations remains a central and indispensable forum for addressing and advancing issues relating to international cooperation for economic development and social progress, peace and security, peaceful settlement of disputes, human rights and the rule of law, on the basis of dialogue, cooperation and consensus-building approaches amongst States, and therefore remain fully committed to both its revitalization and the strengthening of its role, particularly at the current international juncture, in which the world needs much more solidarity and cooperation, as well as the diplomatic tools provided within its very own founding Charter.
4. We call on the members of the international community to revive the spirit of unity, solidarity, cooperation, inclusivity, and mutual understanding that prevailed at the San Francisco Conference of 1945, which is needed today the most, in order to overcome threats and challenges that are common to us all alike.

I thank you, Mr. President.