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Considering that the international social and political environment has changed radically since the creation of the United Nations more than 60 years ago.

Promoting that the Organization still responds effectively to the ideals and objectives for which it was created.

Pointing out that no State, on its own, has the capacity to face challenges proposed by the development of mankind, its prosperity and international peace and security.

Reaffirming that Member States continue to be the protagonists in decision-making within the Organization, whose roles, responsibilities and rights are fully recognized in the United Nations Charter.

Realizing that a collective security system that favors prevention should be based on the development and prosperity of the States.

Reaffirming the need to improve coordination between different United Nations agencies.

Welcoming the creation of the new Human Rights Council and its operational principles, including universality, objectivity, non-selection, cooperation and dialogs, which world leaders resolved to create in the Summit Meeting of September 2005.

Sustaining that open negotiation and international consensus is the only way of effectively pushing reforms needed by the Organization.

RESOLVES TO:

Call on the governments of Member States to:

1. *Redouble* efforts so the General Assembly can perform fully as the main deliberative forum of the United Nations.
2. *Assure* that proposed reforms have an integral focus that guarantees balance between development and security agendas in the system's different organizations, that protection of human rights is promoted and there is strict adherence to international law.
3. *Strengthen* the Social Economic Council and its subsidiaries on promoting development and combating poverty as well as strengthening its coordination capacities with specialized agencies from the system.
4. *Strengthen* the Security Council to make it a more democratic, representative and transparent organization.
5. *To doubt* efforts to achieve full-scale fulfillment of the Security Council decisions and solving the problem of this main UN institution reforming in the interests of increasing its efficiency and representativeness on the basis of the broadest agreement the member states.
6. *Consolidate* the Human Rights Council and continue strengthening effective promotion of the international human rights through cooperation and genuine dialogue.
7. *Assure* evaluation of measures and accountability so that international human rights laws and international humanitarian laws are respected in the fight against terrorism at all times.
8. *Analyze* proposals for financial outlines that assure the Organization's economic solvency.
9. *Evaluate* and modify the Organization's measures and efficiency to reduce unnecessary administrative expenditures.