

*Reunión Anual de Ministros de Relaciones del Grupo de los Países en Desarrollo sin Litoral, al margen del Debate General del Septuagésimo Quinto Periodo de Sesiones de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas*

**Palabras del Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de la República del Paraguay, Embajador Antonio Rivas Palacios**

Nueva York, 23 de septiembre de 2020

Señor Ministro de Asuntos Exteriores de Kazajistán,  
Presidente de la Asamblea General,  
Secretario General,  
Ministros y Delegados:

Agradezco a Kazajistán por liderar a nuestro grupo en esta difícil coyuntura.

La pandemia de la COVID-19 ha afectado a todos W\*nBF3 18Tf1



Coincidimos con las conclusiones del informe del Secretario General sobre la implementación del Programa

Finalmente, el Paraguay ratifica su compromiso con el multilateralismo y el derecho internacional, más aún en estos tiempos de incertidumbre, en el que respetar los propósitos y principios de la Carta de las Naciones Unidas se vuelve indispensable para avanzar en la construcción de un mundo más justo y próspero, en el que ningún país quede atrás.

Muchas gracias.

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Measures taken such as closing borders and restricting the circulation of people and goods have a devastating impact in ~~economic~~ sustainable growth and sustainable development.

Hence, international cooperation is more necessary than ever, ~~especially~~

We fully concur with the report of the Secretary General on his report on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action, in the sense that the support from the international community will be crucial to help us recover from the crisis.

In that regard, initiatives such as Financing the Sustainable Development Goals during the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond and others related to trade facilitation are fundamental.

Mister President,

We must double our efforts for the effective implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action. The Political Declaration adopted during the Midterm Review in December 2019 showed us with a clear picture of our remaining challenges towards 2024.

We highly value the roadmap presented today by the Chair of our Group, Kazakhstan, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. We are confident that it will be a useful tool.

Finally, Paraguay ratifies its commitment to multilateralism and international law. In these uncertain times, it is crucial to abide by the observe the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter in order to build a fair and prosper world while leaving no one behind.

Thank you very much.