



Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations

**Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)  
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Mr. President,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the 33 Member States of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.
2. We would like to commend the President of the Economic and Social Council for convening this 2017 Integration Segment, which we believe its timely and completely aligns with this year's theme "eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges".
3. We begin by recalling the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, whose preamble recognizes that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest challenge the world faces and an indispensable prerequisite for sustainable development. Therefore it should continue to be the highest priority for, and underlying objective within the United Nations.

Mr. President,

4. We remain conscious of the importance of International Cooperation which includes official development assistance (ODA), as well as South-South cooperation (SSC) and Triangular cooperation (Trc), as a complement, not substitute, to North-South Cooperation in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Goals and Objectives, in the economic, social and environmental dimensions, in a balanced and integrated manner; we recognize that each country faces specific challenges on its way to Sustainable Development and must consider its different realities, capacities and levels of development to respond to its national priorities, requiring intensification of international financing, including concessional and non-concessional, in addition to national resources to strengthen capacities at the country level.
5. We reiterate the need to formulate transparent measures to assess progress towards sustainable development, recognizing poverty in all its forms and dimensions, and structural problems at all levels, as set out in the Addis Ababa Agenda for Action.
6. Furtherly, we request that the decision to allocate Official Development Assistance by donor countries and international agencies, be made based on multidimensional transparent methodologies that go beyond the per capita income to account for the multidimensional nature of development.
7. We express that, despite the efforts made, by all the countries in the region, mostly comprised of middle-income countries (MICs), ODA is still required, both to reduce inequality and structural gaps, as well as to generate and strengthen their capacities to achieve sustainable development. Therefore, we reiterate the call for developed countries to fulfill their commitment to allocate 0.7% of their gross national income to ODA. Hence, we call upon the United Nations

Development System, international financial institutions, regional organizations and other stakeholders to address the diverse and specific development needs of these countries, and to duly take them into account and address them, in an appropriate manner, in their strategies and policies, with the purpose of promoting a coherent and broad approach.

8. In accordance with our CELAC Special Declaration on “Financing for Development”, we advocate to continue working towards obtaining a proper environment for sustainable development and for overcoming challenges that financing for development presents. We reaffirm the agreed upon commitments as part of the Monterrey Consensus (2002), the Doha Declaration (2008) and the Addis Ababa Action Plan (2015).
9. In our view, sustainable development should be addressed with an integrated and holistic perspective. Piecemeal approaches to poverty diagnosis and reduction, as well as the prioritizing of certain dimensions of development to the exclusion of others, distort the real situation of our region, and especially of Middle Income Countries.

Mr. President,

10. We recognize that despite the progress achieved in the region, poverty and the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger continue to be a challenge for the countries in the region. In this sense, we reiterate our commitment to continue working on the zero hunger goal in Latin America and the Caribbean. We will continue strengthening CELAC’s Plan for Food Security, Nutrition and Hunger Eradication 2025.



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- 11.** We also recognize the need to maintain gender equality and equity in the debate on development, and to move towards the elimination of structural gender inequalities that perpetuate the circle of poverty, marginalization and inequality.
  
- 12.** Finally, to be really effective, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and other international agreements must be people centered, human rights based, with a crosscutting gender perspective and promote global structural changes needed to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions and to reduce inequalities in all its dimensions.
  
- 13.** Let me conclude Mr. President by highlighting the commitment of the CELAC Member States in working towards the achievement of sustainable development, through the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in all of our territories.

Thank you.