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Nueva York

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay and Global Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group, on the sidelines of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

His Excellency Professor Tijjani Muhammad -Bande, President of the United Nations General Assembly at its Seventy-fourth Session,

Honorable Ministers of Foreign Affairs and High-level Officers;

Mrs.) H N L W D P R H O R D . D W, R U D e p 8 W R L G e d e P a D a n d
High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;

Distinguished Permanent Representatives;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is a great honor to chair for the first time this Annual Meeting of Foreign



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In addition, the preparatory process for the Mid-Term Review gave us the opportunity to share important evaluation and dialogue spaces, such as the three regional exams carried out in Bangkok, for the Eurasian region, in Marrakech for the African region and in Santiago for the Latin American region. We also had a high participation and an enriching debate during the retreat for Ambassadors of Landlocked Countries that took place in New York in April.

All these activities, in addition to the usual meetings of the Group both at the level of Ambassadors and experts, as well as other thematic events organized by the Office of the High Representative, allowed us to have high diversity of opinions and inputs of great quality for the process of negotiation of the political declaration that will be adopted in the month of December.

And with regard to the political declaration, I would like to thank the co-facilitators of the process, the Permanent Representative of Bhutan, Ambassador Doma Tshering and the Permanent Representative of Austria, Ambassador Jan Kickert, and their respective teams, who through their leadership and brilliant work could lead the negotiations towards a consensus text that was concise, relevant and oriented.

In the same way, I would like to thank all delegations for their active participation and constructive approach during the negotiations of the political declaration. I also allow myself to make a special recognition to the delegation of Zimbabwe, for its coordination work on behalf of the landlocked developing countries and the Group of 77 and China during the consultation process



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Excellencies, distinguished participants,

We are convinced that our countries can establish solid foundations for the eradication of poverty, the generation of decent employment and inclusive economic growth, but it is essential that in these coming years we accelerate the implementation of integrated and sustainable economic social plans and programs.

Finally, let me remind you that unity is strength and that, countries facing specific challenges imposed by their common geographical condition, we must not cease the objective of acting collectively, giving visibility to how important it is for the international community to continue lending us special attention.

Thank you