



TALKING POINTS
Virtual Meeting of the GRULAC with the Prime Minister of Canada
Mr. JUSTIN TRUDEAU

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I want to take this opportunity to thank H.E. Prime Minister Trudeau for this very productive meeting with GRULAC countries. Also, his interest to have an open conversation about the priorities regarding the work of the Security Council and the possibilities of cooperation during these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank Minister Gould and Ambassador Blanchard for their important participation in this meeting and their views.

Canada and our region have had an historically close relation defined by friendship, cooperation, and the defense of core values of the Hemisphere.

We consider Canada an ally of the region in the defense of democratic principles; the promotion of peace; the pursuit of economic and social development; and the fight against climate change.

In the current crisis caused by COVID-19 Canada's readiness to cooperate with our national health systems is deeply valued.

We certainly recognize the positive role of Canada in the multilateral system regarding the promotion of peace and international security.

In fact, we have had the great opportunity to work together in the Peacebuilding Commission both during Colombia's and Canada's Chairmanships towards the goal of enhancing the global presence of the Commission, its advisory and bridge roles, and consolidating a more inclusive vision of peacebuilding.

For Colombia some of the priorities presented here by Canada are of the utmost relevance regarding the work of the Security Council. We agree on the importance of a greater interaction between the Security Council and the General Assembly, the primacy of multilateralism, and the need to maintain the highest levels of transparency and accountability.

We value the efforts of the Canadian Government to convey its vision and priorities in case of being elected to the Security Council for the term 2021-2022, and its willingness to receive the feedback and address the concerns of our region.

We are confident that Canada and Latin America and the Caribbean will continue working together on the main issues of global and regional interest.

Thank you.