



**TALKING POINTS
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1. Briefing by the H. E. Mr. Simon Coveney, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland on its candidature to the Security Council, term 2021 - 2022.

I want to thank Deputy Prime Minister Coveney for his participation in this Monthly Meeting of GRULAC, that has provided us with the opportunity to talk about the Security Council and the candidacy of Ireland.

I also would like to express my appreciation to Ambassador Byrne (Geraldine) for the extraordinary work she has been doing since her arrival to New York in areas of great relevance, particularly in gender equality, development, peace and security.

Certainly, the experience of Ireland regarding peacebuilding and reconciliation is an example to the world. There is valuable knowledge to share with the international community, especially to those countries such as Colombia that has a strong commitment with the peace building.

We have built a close relation with Ireland and we have had the chance to work together in different occasions at the United Nations, including in the framework of the PBC, in matters related to peace and the prevention of conflict. We can attest the commitment of your country with these significant issues.

Given the priorities for the Security Council that Ireland presented today, I would like to highlight that for Colombia's foreign policy is very important to preserve the primacy of multilateralism, and to maintain the highest levels of transparency and accountability.

Let me conclude indicating that today's world requires more efforts, more join actions and specially more solidarity to address effectively the global challenges.

Thank you.



2. Briefing by H.E. Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway on its candidature to the Security Council, term 2021 – 2022.

I thank Minister Eriksen for joining us today in the Monthly Meeting of GRULAC, that has provided us with the opportunity to talk about the Security Council and the candidacy of Norway.

I would also like to congratulate Ambassador Juul (Mona) for her extraordinary work as Chair of the ECOSOC during these difficult times. We have worked together during Colombia's Chairmanship of the PBC and organized successfully the Joint Meeting on the Impact of Cross-border Transhumance on Sustainable Peace and Development in West Africa and the Sahel.

Colombia and Norway have historically an excellent relation, enhanced by cooperation and the defense of the core values of our civilization. We share an unwavering commitment with democracy, human rights, and global peace and security.

Given the priorities for the Security Council that Norway presented today, I would like to highlight that for Colombia's foreign policy is very important to preserve the primacy of multilateralism, and to maintain the highest levels of transparency and accountability.

There is no doubt that today's world, in the framework of COVID-19 pandemic, requires common efforts and joint actions to address effectively the global challenges. We are very glad to work together to enhance international cooperation and solidarity.

Thank you.