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**STATEMENT BY COLOMBIA
INFORMAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TO CONSIDER
SECURITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

New York, 31 August 2020.

Mr. president,

I want to thank you for convening this important meeting, in which the annual report of the Security Council is presented to the General Assembly.

This report contains the set of activities and mandates issued by the Security Council during 2019, in order to have a broad perspective on the deliberations of this body, in the search for joint solutions to adverse situations of security and international peace.

My delegation considers that in the future the report should analytically incorporate the main transformations and challenges of the international system and the way in which the United Nations, through the Security Council, is helping to confront them, in order to reach solutions for the benefit of all, under strict respect to the international law.

Mr. president,



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This year the Organization celebrates its 75th anniversary, a period in which it has become a unique forum for dialogue, where cooperation has been the basis for reaching critical consensus.

As a founding member, my country reiterates its unwavering commitment to respect international law and the strengthening of multilateralism. Democracy, the promotion and protection of human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals are our guide, especially in these times of pandemic, when solidarity and a humanitarian approach must be the base axes of the United Nations action.

The COVID-19 pandemic has become the most distressing episode since World War II, causing enormous suffering, particularly in the most vulnerable countries and populations. To confront it, political leadership and accurate and forward-looking decision-making are required.

We share the vision of the United for Consensus Group (UFC), in which our common goal is to strengthen the legitimacy of the Council in the eyes of the general membership and international public opinion. This would enhance the authority of the Council and its effectiveness, making the UN better prepared to face new world realities.

In this context, Colombia reiterates its firm conviction in the need to advance in the reform of the Security Council. This body must be increasingly more representative, inclusive, democratic, transparent and effective.



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A strengthened Security Council represents a vitally important benefit in revitalizing the multilateral system as a whole, since more complete deliberations are required in the face of the complexities of this new century.

Mr. president,

I wish to thank the contributions that the United Nations Verification Mission and the Country Team in Colombia are making to advance in the construction of Peace with Legality.

We highlight the full and unanimous support of the members of the Security Council for the peace process in Colombia, as well as their commitment to work closely with our institutions to support the implementation of the 2016 Agreement.

We also appreciate the recognition granted by the members of the Council to the efforts made by the national authorities to promote inclusive development, as a vital element for a stable and lasting peace.

I want to reiterate in this plenary session that the Government of President Duque is firmly committed to the construction of Peace with Legality. That of the international community is essential to continue making



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progress in stabilizing and supporting development of the territories most affected by violence and poverty.

In the midst of the current global crisis, we have not diminished our efforts. On the contrary, we have redoubled them and we continue to dedicate all possible resources to achieve the results that our citizens deserve.

Thank you very much.