



Intervention **HLPF 2020: *Multilateralism after Covid 19 : What kind of UN do we need at the 75th anniversary?***

Friday July 17th, 2020, 9:30 a.m. a 10:30 a.m. (NY time)

Aprox. Time: 2:30 min.

Dear Mme. President:

For 75 years, the United Nations Charter has been the cornerstone of international law and of the multilateral system, and today as we have not seen in decades, we are more than aware that our challenges are interconnected and can only be addressed through reinvigorated multilateralism, based on unity, solidarity, and cooperation.

As a new era of the UN Charter begins, Costa Rica wants to take the opportunity to make a stronger call to increase the ambition on climatic action, like a green catalyst for the economic recovery of the planet after the COVID-19. Costa Rica advocates for a sustainable development focused on nature to reactivate the economy, opening the pathway to an inclusive, sustainable, decarbonized and therefore, respectful human rights society.

Mme. President,

On reaching the 75th anniversary of the UN Charter, Human Rights are more than ever a key tool for the advancement of social, economic and environmental development, leaving no one behind.

In particular, Costa Rica wants to restate its conviction that gender equality is a strategic objective in itself, and transversal to all public policies. But we still face challenges and today more than ever, because COVID-19 affects women and men differently. When a crisis occurs, women and girls are among the most affected, and gender-based violence is compounded, coupled with poverty, exclusion, discrimination and inequality. We need to overcome discrimination and inequality, because equality is increasingly relevant from a perspective of sustainable development rooted on our Human Rights compromises.

Mme. President,

Costa Rica reiterates the need to accelerate our actions towards transforming our development models, aligning them with the 2030 Agenda, and building back better, with innovative approaches to really transform our present into a greener and more inclusive future.