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Permanent Representative of Nicaragua on behalf of the Central
American Integration System

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(Compare with speaker's words)

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Mr. President,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the eight Member States of the Central American Integration System (SICA): Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, and Nicaragua.

2. We wish to congratulate you and all the members of the Bureau on your election. You can count on the support of the Member States of SICA.

3. SICA takes this opportunity to express our solidarity and extend our condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones and to those suffering the devastating consequences of COVID-19.

Mr. President,

4. SICA would like to make this intervention on the topics related to decolonization (agenda items 57 to 61). In this regard, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to continue working within the framework of international law, in particular United Nations General Assembly

Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions, to make the Latin American and Caribbean region a territory free of colonialism and colonies.

5. SICA reiterates its strongest support for the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgias and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, and the permanent interest of the countries of the region in seeing the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resume negotiations with a view to finding, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to this dispute, in accordance with the relevant pronouncements of the United Nations Organization.

6. SICA reiterates the importance of observing the provisions of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 31/49, which urges both parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation, while the Malvinas Islands, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are going through the process recommended by the General Assembly.

7. SICA celebrates that the Central American Parliament adopted June 10th as the "Central American Solidarity Day with the Argentine Malvinas Islands".

8. SICA recalls that this 75th anniversary will mark the 55th anniversary of the adoption of United Nations General Assembly resolution 2065 (XX), the first resolution referring specifically to the question of the Malvinas Islands, subsequently renewed through successive resolutions of the General Assembly and the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization to date, and we note with satisfaction the important contribution made by the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization in its consideration of the question during the fifty-five years since the adoption of resolution 2065 (XX).

Thank you very much.