

For a real commitment to face present and future challenges

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What needs to be done now to face the various crises that the world is experiencing was the focus of the Summit of the Future, which brought together world leaders for two days at the United Nations headquarters in New York, USA, to make progress in the fulfillment of existing agreements and resolve future challenges.

In a highly complex global context, the meeting was intended to chart a course in which international cooperation, without conditions, is an essential way forward.

This was underlined in his speech by Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez, who said that peoples need less interference and more solidarity, less unequal exchange and more equity, less politicization and double standards, and more dialogue, cooperation and respect for their inalienable right to choose their political, economic, social and cultural systems.

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On this path, it is important, as several speakers emphasized, to take seriously and with political will the common but differentiated responsibilities, especially of the most powerful nations, to channel the resources needed for the Sustainable Development Goals.

But also, reform of international institutions from within the United Nations itself. The Security Council must be restructured so that it better reflects today's world and takes into account the historical under-representation of Africa, Asia and Latin America, as Secretary-General António Guterres has said; progress must also be made towards a profound reform of the unjust international financial architecture, which reinforces inequalities and does not represent today's world.

In a world where a minority is getting richer and the majority is getting poorer, the Pact for the Future should be a roadmap to save humanity and move towards a better world, but a real commitment is needed, translated into concrete actions, especially by the most developed countries, so that no one is left behind and the Pact for the Future does not become just another document that will be forgotten because, as the Cuban Foreign Minister said, tomorrow will be too late for millions of people.

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