



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I convey my sincere congratulations to you, the staff and the members of the Organization of American States (OAS), on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of its Charter.

Throughout these decades the Organization that you so ably lead has played an invaluable role in multilateralism, in areas ranging from strengthening democracy and development to security and human rights. It has also been a pioneer in forging regional multilateral agreements on many fronts, from free trade and migration to nuclear disarmament.

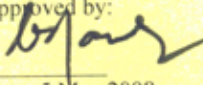
The OAS is an indispensable partner of the United Nations. We are increasingly strengthening cooperation between our respective organizations as we confront shared challenges. The United Nations remains committed to that end.

May your Organization continue to play a constructive role in promoting peace, human rights and development in the Americas for many years to come.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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