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Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

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Mr. President,

APG23 welcomes the report of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order with its wide analysis of the challenges to global peace and security.

In its Preamble, the Declaration on the Right to Peace recognizes that "peace is not only the absence of conflict but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation, and socioeconomic development is ensured".

The complex and huge challenges to global peace and security can be overcome only through solutions grounded in such a comprehensive vision. In particular, based on our engagement in the promotion of peace in war zones and conflict areas, we strongly believe in the critical role of nonviolent means for establishing, maintaining and strengthening peace and security. Therefore, among the issues explored in the report, we especially appreciate the focus devoted to conscientious objection, disarmament and prevention, as well as to the need for structural reforms of key UN bodies and for greater civil society participation in global governance processes.

With regard to governance enhancement also at the national level, APG23 advocates for adopting 'Infrastructures for Peace' able to prevent and manage conflicts, reconcile tensions, deal with political, social and economic transformation. In particular, APG23 proposes the 'Ministry of Peace': an implementation tool for the right to peace, which can be established in every country as an innovative response to the need for comprehensive peace and security and for promoting human rights.

Thank you!