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Mr. President,

I speak on behalf of the core group of the resolution on the human rights situation in Nicaragua.

We thank the Group of Experts for their latest report and commend the rigour of their work under difficult conditions, including the Government of Nicaragua's continued refusal to cooperate. We also particularly appreciate the GHREN's sustained attention to the differentiated impacts of Nicaragua's actions on various segments of the population, including on women and girls.

We are gravely alarmed by the findings regarding the expansion of transnational repression and violations of the human rights of Nicaraguans abroad. The report highlights patterns affecting individuals outside the country, including serious human rights violations and acts of repression such as: surveillance, digital espionage, harassment, misuse of INTERPOL mechanisms, arbitrary deprivation of nationality rendering hundreds stateless, and other measures that have had significant impacts on those affected and their families.

Of particular concern are the reported murders and physical attacks against exiled Nicaraguans. In this regard, we underscore the importance of ensuring that such incidents are thoroughly and promptly investigated by the relevant authorities, in accordance with national legislation.

We urge the Government of Nicaragua to immediately cease all persecution and cooperate with international and regional human rights mechanisms. We also call on this Council and the United Nations as a whole to maintain robust scrutiny and support accountability efforts.

Thank you.