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Mr. President,
Madam High Commissioner,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to address this assembly on this historic occasion, the launching of the new Human Rights Council, opening a new chapter in the UN's work on human rights.

Let me congratulate all participants to this historic moment, especially you Mr. President and all members of the Council's first Bureau.

Today, we begin a new mission to fulfill our vision of human rights and the principles that inspired the establishment of the Commission on Human Rights in 1946. That Commission had many shortcomings, but let us not forget that it was successful in international standard-setting, and in forging a

dynamic and multi-faceted international human rights community.

It has not only formulated major human rights instruments, it has also produced specific instruments that respond to the emerging needs of the international community, such as the rights of women, children and migrants. The Council need to continue promoting awareness of the standards and norms created by the Commission.

However, although the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action of 1993 is universally accepted, there is much contention on how it is applied, including on the notion of the indivisibility of all human rights -civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights- contributing to politicization and selectivity. We still do need to develop a common understanding on what human rights are.