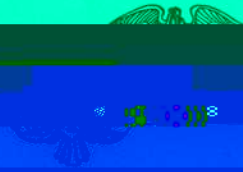


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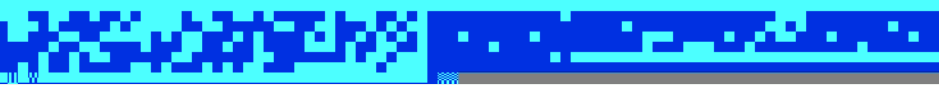
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I wish to congratulate you, Madame President, and wish you the greatest success in this new General Assembly

Five years ago, I attended this global forum for the first time to

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support to overcome it. It is time for the international community to urgently call on violent groups to make peace without any more delays. The Government is as firm in implementing security, as it is rigorous in respecting democratic rules, and open and generous in looking for peace. A sincere willingness for peace will not face governmental obstacles to reach a definitive reconciliation.

The international community must, in a more decisive way, support our

security policy. In this manner the results of overcoming violence and looking for peace will be accelerated.

Illicit drugs as a source of financing for violent groups, are one of the fundamental aspects which differentiate them from old guerrillas in other Latin American countries. This criminal, bottomless and autonomous financing is the main obstacle to peace.

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which have suffered the destruction of nearly 2,000,000 hectares on account of drugs.

I ask the world: why is there not a greater, less rhetoric and more effective commitment, so that Colombia, who has an absolute willingness to achieve it, may finally and definitively overcome the scourge of coca?

As Colombians, we do not want to be left with efforts and sacrifices; we require results. We are willing to revise our strategy, to improve it, but we need the

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