UNR GLOBAL CONFERENCE PARLIAMENT&FAITH

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- 1. On the occasion of our official visit to the United Nations (UN), gathered from 37 countries around the world, in light of the UN global 2030 agenda for 17 sustainable development goals, and considering our Christian worldview, we come to offer our position and commitment to consolidate and complement the working goals for the peoples and institutions we represent.
- 2. We want to renew our efforts to combat poverty. We believe that nations themselves have the power to rise up and build their own possibilities for generating prosperity.
- 3. We want to reaffirm Christian values and principles, democracy, good governance, and human rights, along with our defense of family, life, and freedom of thought and religion.
- 4. In this regard, we want to emphasize the freedom of religion as a pillar that we believe is absent from the established objectives, and we require that it be included in the SDG agenda as a fundamental part of universal human rights. Discrimination and persecution based on faith are a reality for millions of people around our world. When religious freedom, freedom of conscience, and freedom of expression are diminished, democracy is weakened.
- 5. As stated in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship, and observance."
- 6. We want to defend education in order to prioritize and promote it as the greatest resource for every people and government, free from ideologies but imbued with values. In this regard, we salute the transformative role of the family as a value-forming institution and all educational centers that impart knowledge with faith in God.

- 7. We want to increase policies for the preservation of our environment. The resources of the earth, and the waters under this sky are shared by all, and we are aware that this is part of the mandate we have to care for creation.
- 8. We believe that technological advancements provide new opportunities to carry out transformative work in our nations. Therefore, it is necessary to use technology responsibly and maximize its impact, thus reaching the new generations and utilizing it for noble purposes.
- 9. We seek peace in all its forms and declare our opposition to war that structurally and humanly wounds us. It impoverishes us and tragically divides us.
- 10. We appeal to the Lord for peace, for justice, and for the wise exercise of citizenship, as well as for sustainable public policies, as well as true justice and honest government.
- 11. We continue to work for our nations and cities, seeking to be the light and salt of God in this world. To achieve this, we propose linking our efforts and strategies while respecting the talents, contributions, and proposals of all organizations that share the same principles. We seek to unite forces to generously form this network, and thus, to have a virtuous impact on the agenda and direction of our respective nations.
- 12. We declare that, through Jesus Christ, all things will be restored and reconciled through the cross because truth will bring morality, morality will bring justice, and justice will bring peace.

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