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It is an honour to address this assembly on behalf of the Republic of Panama. We gather at a moment when the international system is strained by conflict, inequality, climate challenges, and unprecedented humanitarian need. Our conference theme, Navigating Uncertainty Through Mutual Trust, is not merely aspirational; it is essential. In a world where crises cascade across borders, trust is not a luxury. It is the foundation upon which cooperation, resilience, and peace must be built.

Panama is a bridge between continents, cultures, and economies. As the steward of the Panama Canal, a vital artery of global commerce, we understand deeply the importance of predictability, stability, and collaboration. Yet, we also understand that uncertainty is inevitable. What defines us as an international community is how we respond.

Panama believes that **mutual trust is forged through transparency, multilateralism, and shared responsibility**. We advocate for strong international institutions capable of addressing global challenges, from climate migration to transnational crime, from supply chain vulnerabilities to the persistent inequalities that fuel conflict. Trust, however, is not merely a diplomatic principle; it is a developmental one. Panama emphasizes inclusive growth, investment in education and health, and sustainable environmental management as pillars of national resilience. We urge the international community to adopt a similar holistic mindset, recognizing that insecurity thrives where opportunity is absent.

In this regard, Panama underscores the role of the United Nations as a convener, mediator, and protector. We reaffirm our commitment to upholding the UN Charter, respecting sovereignty, and promoting



peaceful resolution of disputes. Mutual trust arises when nations commit to dialogue even in moments of tension, and when we prioritize human life above political gain.

The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) remains one of the world's most urgent and complex humanitarian and security challenges. Decades of instability, armed group activity, and cycles of displacement have left millions vulnerable. Panama expresses deep concern over the continued violence in the eastern provinces, the exploitation of natural resources by armed actors, and the severe threats posed to civilians, particularly women and children. Panama supports the efforts of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) and calls for a sustained, responsible transition as peacekeeping mandates evolve. We stress that the international community must ensure that any withdrawal of peacekeeping forces does not create security vacuums or worsen humanitarian conditions. **Panama stands ready to support diplomatic efforts that prioritize human rights, accountability, and sustainable peace.**

The humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen remains one of the most severe of our time. After years of conflict, millions continue to face famine, disease outbreaks, and lack of essential services. Panama reiterates that **the suffering of civilians, especially children, can never be justified by political or military objectives.** The protection of civilian life, medical infrastructure, and humanitarian personnel must be non-negotiable. We emphasize the importance of building trust among negotiating parties. Sustainable peace in Yemen will require not only political compromise but also economic reconstruction, reconciliation, and long-term development strategies that restore dignity and stability to the Yemeni people.

As we deliberate in this chamber, let us remember that **instability in one region affects us all.** Let us respond not with hesitation, but with compassion, cooperation, and unwavering commitment to peace. Panama stands ready to work with every nation represented here to build a future where uncertainty is met not with fear, but with shared purpose.

Thank you.