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"We are witnesses to the contempt and arrogance with which the dominant superpower is breaking agreements and treaties that are vital not only to the peace and security of all the peoples of the world, but also to the hopes for sustainable development and the preservation of the ecological balance, resources and natural conditions without which life would be impossible on this planet, as we all know".

References to the original: Speech delivered at the opening of the 105th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held in the Havana International Conference Center on April 1, 2001