

# *Group of 77: Declaration of Santa Cruz Stresses Fight on Poverty*

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The Declaration of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, adopted by the Summit of the Group of 77 plus China this week, ratified the priority of the member nations of working to eradicate poverty as the main objective of the post-2015 Development Agenda, said Bolivian President Evo Morales.

The declaration underlines the problem posed by inequality, which worsens due to current consumption and production patterns which are considered unsustainable in developed countries.

The document states that the excessive orientation towards profits does not respect Mother Earth and the influence of big companies with negative effects for development in the world economy sparks serious concerns.

Major issues agreed in the document included the ratification of the principles of unity, complementariness and solidarity; the setting up of a new world order that establishes a fair and democratic system in the benefit of all.

On the suggestion by Argentina, the declaration reiterated the need to prevent the freeze of the restructuring of the external debt.

The declaration also condemned espionage and supports the recovery of natural resources as well as the consideration of basic services as human rights.

The Group of 77 plus China also demanded the elimination of certain agricultural subsidies and favors the equality of women. Other aspects addressed in the document are climate change, the attention to the needs of small island nations, the rejection of extraterritorial laws, the blacklisting of countries with respect to terrorism, drug traffic and traffic in persons.

The declaration also supported the struggle of Palestine, Argentina and Cuba.

The Summit of the Group of 77 was held in the city of Santa Cruz June 14 and 15 to mark the 50th anniversary of the multilateral organization that groups 133 developing nations.

Full declaration in Spanish at <http://www.g77bolivia.com/es/declaracion-de-santa-cruz>

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