

**Address delivered by the Dr. Margarita Cedeño of Fernandez,  
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Thanks for such a beautiful introduction and, well, more than words, these are going to be reflections because, certainly, I have felt very motivated of being able to present them after hearing of its presentations.

I want before nothing to greet Mrs. Minister of Superior Education, Science and Technology SESCYT, Ambassadors, consuls and other representatives of other countries that accompany as well as the commissions to us that are here with us, as much of the DESA, ECOSOC as FORMIT. Thanks for being here in the Dominican Republic, we extend to them most warm welcome I already know that they have felt our climate and our people and have tasted our mangu that is our Dominican typical food.

I want, as for the exhibitions that we have listened to, explain that I really feel that they are going to be of much benefit, much benefit for the Dominican Republic and all the countries as a whole. The power to take advantage of practical experiences that have been put in execution in other countries, overall in Europe, as the case, because appears to us they are always going to be beneficial for countries like ours where very we are pawned on throwing ahead towards the country and to produce a call society of the information and the knowledge where as or it said most important that we can transfer and of gratuitous way it is the knowledge and that knowledge that or you have and who have been able it to catch, they have been able it to live and to integrate through experiences, then that good and I thank but sincere to them because we pruned to count on that type of resources.

President Fernandez is very pawned in Dominican Republic's development in technology, because the technology has a social investment, but it is also a tool for the strengthening of the democracy because it makes us a democracy in a society more participative, more enclosing. The technologies of the communication and the information are a weapon of double edge, so much they can remove you, to exclude yourself, to leave yourself aside totally or to join in a more rapid, easier way and that you feel joined, that you feel that really the public administration, the State is bearing you in mind and that your rights can be exercised in an easier, more agile and more efficient way.

In this sense I want to congratulate also the COPDES in the person of Mr. John Gagain, who with the presentation of this report of the results since we can have a tool, a plan of groundwork to present already the strategy that we are going to follow in the Dominican Republic to be able to achieve these MDG's.

From our Office since we are immersed in what the technological community centers are, which are centers that are going to be in communities of extreme poverty and that are going to be used as base for the whole development of digital cities, of eGovernment and all these plans that are done to a level of the central government for the insertion of the Dominican Republic in the Society of the Information.

I believe that also this meeting might be done in October, I think that it is a date very strategic because then we just had passed what is the great Summit of the U.N that is going to be carried out in September and we are going to be at the time very prepared to be able to present many more achievements and interesting things in Tunis in November.

So that, I believe that we all must focus towards which is the work in the insertion of technology that is of all the inhabitants, not only of the planet and in this case that is where it corresponds to us that it is of the Dominican Republic.

We are grateful very much for your presence, I know that you are delayed because they have an appointment with the President of the INDOTEL who is the Institute that is regulating the telecommunications in the Dominican Republic. And at that the Commission of the Information presides.

I believe that up to a next visit this One Dollar's program would be important enough that we could support the bows across John or as You indicate it to be able to materialize this initiative.

Thank you very much, have a cordial stay in the Dominican Republic. and that we could continue working together and strengthening these bows and the search of some the same goal in the integral development of the countries across the technologies.

Thank you very much.