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Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations**Letter dated 1 November 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the pleasure to write on behalf of the Group of Friends of Spanish at the United Nations (see [A/67/998](#)) in order to bring to your attention the Special Communiqué on the Use of Spanish in Multilateral Organizations, adopted at the twenty-third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Panama City on 18 and 19 October 2013 (see annex).

Given that multilingualism, despite its continued significance and relevance, is not yet considered on an annual basis by the General Assembly and will not be on the agenda until the sixty-ninth session, I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 121. This is undoubtedly a pertinent agenda item, as respect for multilingualism is necessary precisely because of the need to implement the resolutions of the United Nations.

(Signed) **María Cristina Perceval**
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Annex to the letter dated 1 November 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

**Twenty-third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government
Panama City, 18-19 October 2013**

Special Communiqué on the Use of Spanish in Multilateral Organizations

The Heads of State and Government of the Ibero-American countries, meeting in Panama City on the occasion of the twenty-third Ibero-American Summit,

Attach great importance to the promotion of multilingualism in international organizations and forums, including expert bodies, funds and programmes, as a tool for communication and work;

Welcome the establishment, in 2013, of the Group of Friends of Spanish at the United Nations, whose charter has been signed by 21 Spanish-speaking countries, for the primary purpose of further strengthening the use of Spanish at the United Nations.
