

Explanation of vote on behalf of the European Union- Third Committee- 65th UNGA

United Nations General Assembly resolution on "Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order"

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The EU believes that it is necessary to continue to work towards a democratic and equitable order. It fully recognizes that the issues raised in the resolution are important and require careful analysis and action by all nations. However, the EU is of the view that several elements in the text before us move far beyond the scope of the Third Committee, and are not dealt with in a comprehensive and holistic way, but are quoted rather selectively and randomly, without being placed in their appropriate context. The resolution underlines the international obligations to control the mechanisms of globalization, while omitting the duties and obligations of States in this regard, a consideration to which the EU attaches great importance. Bearing in mind the nature and content of this draft resolution, the EU would like to reiterate that the Third Committee is not a suitable forum to address these issues. For these reasons, the EU will vote against the draft resolution.