

Quotable Quotes: President of the General Assembly

The following is excerpted from an address by the President of the 59th Session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Jean Ping

“As for human rights and the rule of law, the draft document maintains that they reside in basic values and that no action to bring about security or development can bear fruit if it is not anchored in respect for human dignity. Moreover, it should be emphasized that these rights are indivisible whether they be political, civil, cultural, economic, or social, including the right to development. And the exercise of these rights must be guaranteed to all individuals, especially the most vulnerable...It is now up to UN Member States to work in concert to harmonize their views in the service of the great need to present our leaders, at the opportune moment, with a collective document that firmly engages their political will to build a better world – in larger freedom, larger solidarity and larger justice.” *Second South Summit of the Group of 77 and China, Doha, Qatar, 15 June 2005*