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The 17th Meeting of the São Paulo Forum, gathered in Managua on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Sandinista National Liberation Front of Nicaragua and the 116th Anniversary of the Birth of General Augusto C. Sandino, had the participation of 640 delegates of 48 member parties from 21 countries, and 33 guests from 29 parties from 15 countries of Africa, Asia and Europe.

For five days the organizations and participants present at the 17th Meeting debated themes of great interest for the Latin-American peoples and for the whole of humanity, such as the alternative project of the people's, progressive and leftist forces in Latin America and the Caribbean; the accomplishments by the São Paulo Forum political parties' national, state-level and local governments and parliaments; the international crisis, in all of its aspects: economic, food, energy, climate, social and political; the struggle for decolonization and national sovereignty; the threats and tragedies caused by imperialism's and the right wing's policies,

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such as drug trafficking and organized crime, which threaten peace, human rights and the rights of the peoples.

We have also discussed subjects of transcendental importance, such as the need for democratizing information, communication and culture; the struggle to broaden the rights and participation of women, youths, original ethnicities and peoples; advocacy of the rights of migrant workers and their families; the challenges of the social movements; and defense- and security- related themes.

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