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President of the UN General Assembly to Travel to UK

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President of the UN General Assembly, Maria Fernanda Espinosa, traveled to the United Kingdom this Sunday to begin an official visit at the invitation of the non-governmental organization YMCA.

According to her spokeswoman, Monica Grayley, Espinosa will give the opening speech on Monday to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the YMCA, expected to be attended by some 5,000 young people from more than 100 countries.

The representative of the largest United Nations agency will speak about one of the priorities of her mandate: Youth, Peace and Security, and also about the future of work, climate change and Sustainable Development Goals, among other issues.

She will also hold bilateral meetings with YMCA Secretary General Carlos Sanvee and YMCA President Patricia Pelton.

Espinosa will hold other meetings to discuss the upcoming high-level week of the Assembly, the revitalization of the Assembly's work, climate change, gender equality, sustainable development and action to address hate speech.

On Tuesday, August 6, she will travel to Buckinghamshire for the opening of the United Nations Study Centre at Buckingham University, the first of its kind in the UK.

She will meet with representatives of academia, civil society and women's groups, and

participate in a panel discussion hosted by the United Nations Association in the United Kingdom.

She will also visit Westminster Central Hall, where the General Assembly held its first meetings in 1946.

Espinosa will conclude her visit to the United Kingdom on August 7.

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