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“The story of the organized community of States represented by the United Nations, which is now celebrating its seventieth anniversary, is one of significant shared successes in a time of unusually rapid change”.

Apparently referring to the reform of the UN System which some Member States, particularly African countries have been agitating for, the Pope asserted that

after 70 years of existence, the world body needs to adapt to the times by ensuring there is a reform in the system so as to accommodate all interest groups, with Member States represented at the highest level, with none left out. “The need for

greater equity is especially true in the case of bodies that have an executive capability, such as the Security Council, the financial institutions and those groups and mechanisms specifically created to deal with economic crisis. It can help to limit

any kind of abuse or usury, especially where developing countries are concerned”.

Referring to international financial institutions like the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and others, Pope Francis



Children welcome Pope Francis during his 29-30 November visit to Bangui, Central African republic November 29, 2015

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