

Statement by Sergei Rachkov
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on revitalization of the General Assembly

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Mr. Chairman,

At the first session of the working group we have already shared our proposals on how we can easily enhance the role and authority of the General Assembly. Needless to say, that first of all we must analyze the results of the implementation of resolutions 58/126, 58/316 and 59/313. We should have a clear picture of what was done and what was not fulfilled. As the President of the General Assembly Mr. Eliasson emphasized in his remarks, let us first scrutinise out problems and then organise our work around it.

On specific issues I would like to mention the following.

The President of the General Assembly through the regular meetings with the presidents of the Security Council and ECOSOC should establish permanent contacts between these organs and Member States. It is very important.

The approach to preparation of annual and periodical reports of the Security Council to the General Assembly should be changed. The protocol rhetoric and compilation of the Security Council's decisions and statements should be replaced by an objective and fundamental evaluation of the Security Council's work. This approach will make reports more analytical.

Belarus considers that ideas to extend the term of the President of the General Assembly and to strengthen the Office of the President are interesting but they need additional studying and reasoning. We also propose to request the opinion of the present presidency of the General Assembly before making recommendations on the ways of further strengthening of the Office of the President.