

Informal consultations of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Mandating and delivering: analysis and recommendations to facilitate the review of mandates”

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Statement

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Thank you Mister Co-Chairman,

I would like to make three brief comments on chapters f) and h) of the Secretary General' report.

First, Belarusian delegation does not support the proposal to discontinue the annual two-week deliberations of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. The only fact that other bodies discuss some issues of the agenda of the Committee is not sufficient reason for discontinuation. The Committee has contributed to the strengthening of the Organisation, including through improving the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, drafting international agreements on peaceful settlement of international disputes etc. Besides previous achievements the Committee continues to fulfil its mandate and at its last session adopted two decisions and included two new important items in its agenda. Namely, review of the GA Rules of Procedure and legal aspects of the UN reform.

Second, regarding the proposal to merge two commissions on Drugs and Crimes we think that improved coordination and exchange of information between these two commissions would be useful. All kinds of transnational crimes, including trafficking in persons, illegal trafficking in drugs and arms, smuggling of migrants, international terrorism, corruption, money laundering. International community should have a unified comprehensive approach in order to address this problem effectively. If Member States are not ready to consider merging of two commissions we should ensure that the activities of these bodies are complementary and reinforcing each other.

Finally, our delegation supports the proposals to improve coordination between three Security Council's committees dealing with terrorism. However we are concerned about recommendation addressed to the Security Council to consider elaborating a

universal procedure or common norm for dealing with non-complying States. While recognising primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security Belarus delegation believes that the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations should consider universal procedures and common norms including those in the area of terrorism. Forthcoming GA consultations on counter-terrorism strategy can provide an appropriate forum for such considerations.