

**Ad hoc Working Group on revitalization
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Statement

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Distinguished Co-Chairs,

My delegation would like to note the remarkable job that has been done by the Chairpersons and the delegations during the preparation of a draft resolution on General Assembly revitalization. The process of our research was very uneasy and complicated, in particular in the beginning of the study. But in the course of time our inputs to the final document have become more effective, valuable and practical.

At this moment we have a document, which can be considered as a good basis for the creation of the required resolution to give the General Assembly a much needed boost, to enhance the role and authority of the GA. In order to make this document more sufficient, the delegation of Belarus proposes to include into the resolution the following concrete practical steps.

Cluster I – Role and Authority of General Assembly. We would like to correct a little an operative paragraph 17 of a draft regarding reflection of the central role of the General Assembly in the UN Journal. It should be clear that the major and plenary events of the General Assembly be listed in the UN Journal prior to information about the Security Council meetings. Therefore the delegation of Belarus proposes the following language: “Urges the Secretariat to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and, toward this end, recognizes the need for the rearrangement of items in the Journal of the United Nations in accordance with the order of precedence followed in the UN Charter so that listings of Plenary and other major events of the General Assembly may appear before those of the meetings of the Security Council”.

Cluster III – Working methods. We need to improve the quality of the General Assembly resolutions by using two important tools: to adopt decisions with a minimal preamble part and to be concentrated in the operative part on specific practical measures avoiding the general words of support and cooperation.

The delegation of Belarus also strongly supports the position of the Non-Aligned Movement outlined by the Algerian delegation on behalf of NAM.