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AT THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE REVITALIZATION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Mr. Co-Chairs,

At the outset, allow me to commend the Permanent Representative of Egypt for his stewardship and leadership in steering the work of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly during the 67th Session of the General Assembly. Malaysia would also like to congratulate the Permanent Representatives of Slovakia and Thailand on their appointment as the co-chairs of the Ad-Hoc Working Group for the 68th Session of the General Assembly.

2. Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Mr. Co-Chairs,

3. Malaysia would like to reiterate that the General Assembly is the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the United Nations. It is the highest authoritative body of the United Nations and therefore we must ensure of its rightful stature and role. Despite continued discussions for many years, we have only recorded limited success in revitalizing the General Assembly. Nevertheless, we have witnessed some improvements in the working methods of this august body.

4. Among the biggest challenges this body continues to face is the non-implementation of its resolutions. We believe this weakness of the General Assembly presents us with serious challenges as it undermines the effectiveness of this body. Malaysia appreciates the decision for the Ad-Hoc Working Group to continue its review of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization and we welcome the updated inventory chart of those resolutions. This is the first step towards the ultimate goal of realizing full implementation of all General Assembly resolutions.

5. Malaysia also shares the view of other Member States that the issue of encroachment of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) into the mandate of the General Assembly is another important subject matter. We believe that the two principal organs must faithfully respect each other's mandates as enshrined in the UN Charter.

Malaysia believes that it is imperative for both organs to cooperate and work together closely to achieve a more harmonious working relationship.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

6. The election of the bureau is another important issue that affects the effectiveness of the General Assembly. We are of the view that all concerned parties must respect the practice of having the elections, on the basis of geographical distribution, to take place at least 3 months prior to the next session in order to encourage early planning and preparation of the work of the Main Committees. We acknowledge that discussions between the incoming and outgoing bureau would be beneficial and would contribute to the effective functioning of the Main Committees. We firmly believe that any agreed rotation pattern should be adhered to by all Member States.

7. My delegation also underscores the importance of conducting the elections of the non-permanent members of the UNSC and members of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) earlier than October of each year. We believe that such arrangement would allow better preparation in particular for in-coming non-permanent members of the UNSC to helm their responsibility in the Council. By bringing forward the election date, the newly elected non-permanent members of the UNSC would have ample time to make preparations including strengthening their Missions in New York and for their officers to familiarise with the wide ranging issues discussed in the Council.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

8. The role and activities of the President of the General Assembly (PGA) continues to increase over the years. Today, we see a greater number of issues and agenda items being considered by the General Assembly when compared to a few years ago. My delegation wishes to reiterate that the PGA should be allocated the necessary resources needed for him or her to perform the role that has been entrusted upon the Office by the UN Charter.

9. Malaysia also views seriously on the need for a transparent and inclusive process in the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. This is important as the Secretary-General represents all Member States of the United Nations and not just the Security Council. In this regard, we call on the implementation of past resolutions on the issue, especially paragraphs 17 to 22 of Annex of resolution 60/286 for future selections and appointments of the Secretary-General.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

10. Revitalizing the revitalization process has been a theme that my delegation has continuously to reiterate at this Working Group. The 'Revitalization of the General Assembly' is not a new issue to Member States. However, we must ensure that the process of revitalizing the General Assembly continues to build up its momentum in order to attain meaningful progress.

I thank you.