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**FOR THE JOINT DEBATE ON  
(ITEM 117) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS AND ON  
(ITEM 118) THE REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to commend the Permanent Representatives of Namibia and Croatia on their appointments as Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly in the sixty-ninth session. Let me also take this opportunity to express my appreciation to H.E. Mr. Frantisek Ruzicka, the Permanent Representative of Slovakia and H.E. Norachit Sinhaseni, the Permanent Representative of Thailand, for their stewardship in the discussion of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly during the sixty-eight session.

2. I wish to align my statement with the statements delivered by Myanmar on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and by Algeria on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). My delegation would like to highlight some pertinent views on this agenda item in our collective pursuit in Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

Mr. President,

3. Malaysia has remained consistent in reiterating that the General Assembly is the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the United Nations, as well as the role of the Assembly in the process of standard-setting and codification of international law. This august Assembly represents 193 Member States and therefore we must

duly accord it with its rightful and authoritative place that it deserves. We must ensure that the General Assembly continues its role as the principal policy making and norm-setting organ of the United Nations.

4. This Ad Hoc Working Group has made significant strides in the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly. Malaysia is happy to see the adoption of GA resolution A/68/307 in advancing the work of this Working Group. One important development is the inclusion of operative paragraph 17 in the Resolution in which the General Assembly has agreed to conduct the elections of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session. This would allow new members to make early planning in increasing their missions' capacity and preparations before assuming their responsibility.

Mr. President,

5. While we have made some significant progress, my delegation is still concerned with the non-implementation of various General Assembly resolutions. This has incapacitated the General Assembly as it undermines the effectiveness of this body. Malaysia appreciates the decision adopted by the General Assembly to evaluate the implementation status of its resolutions and to build on the progress achieved in past sessions. We welcome the decision that the Ad Hoc Working Group will continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization and update the inventory chart of those resolutions. This is the first step in realizing implementation of all General Assembly resolutions.

6. Apart from that, my delegation also believes that we should consider further deliberations on the biennialization and triennialization of resolutions. Malaysia is of the view that this would improve the work of the General Assembly through a better scheduling of agenda items. In view of this, we call on those who call for biennialization and triennialization of agenda items and resolutions to lead by example. In pursuit of this effort, it is vital that the sponsoring State or States would consent to such measures prior implementation.

Mr. President,

7. It is without a doubt that the General Assembly today considers a greater number of agenda items and issues. The increasing number of agenda items and issues would also mean the role and activities of the President of the General Assembly (PGA) would continue to increase over the years to come. In this regard, my delegation wishes to underscore for

the PGA 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. At the same time, Malaysia also welcomes the Ad Hoc Working Group's proposal to strengthen the institutional memory of the office of the PGA and its relationship with the Secretariat

8. Malaysia would also like to highlight for transparency and inclusiveness in the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General represents all Member States of the United Nations and not exclusively the Security Council. Thus, the selection process of this important personality must respect the aspirations of its Member States. 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, and in view of the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General in 2016.

Mr. President,

9. Malaysia welcomes the convening of High-Level Meetings and High-Level Thematic Debates that deliberate on issues that are important to Member States. We believe that there needs to be greater coordination with all relevant parties in organizing such meetings so as to avoid or at least minimize scheduling problems for delegations especially during the high-level week of the General Assembly. We look forward to the implementation of the proposal to resolve the problem of having too many meetings and events during the high-level week, such as exploring the possibility of scheduling such meetings during the early part of the year.

Mr. President,

10. We must take note of the progress we have so far made in our collective quest to revitalize the General Assembly. Member States must be reminded that the work of Revitalization of the General Assembly is not new nor will it end anytime soon. In this regard, we must continue to press-on for further deliberations and maintain the momentum in order to attain meaningful progress. We invite Member States to approach this issue with openness, and demonstrate the necessary political will so as to enable us to make real substantial progress to further enhance the effectiveness of the General Assembly.

I thank you.