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**Statement on behalf  
of the Non Aligned Movement  
delivered by  
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**on Agenda Item 121:  
“ Revitalization of the work  
of the General Assembly”**

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Mr. President,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement.

Mr. President,

In adopting resolution A/61/292 the General Assembly has decided to assess during the current session the extent to which all its previous resolutions and decisions related to the revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly have been implemented.

At the outset of this debate, the Non Aligned Movement would like to recall the validity and relevance of its principles positions regarding this matter.

The Non Aligned Movement reiterates that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, which must be guided by the principles of democracy, transparency and accountability and achieved through consultations, is a critical component of the comprehensive reform of the United Nations and its objectives should continue to strengthen the role and position of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the United Nations.

The NAM emphasizes, also, that the improvement of its procedural and working methods is only a first step towards more substantive improvements aiming at restoring and enhancing the role and authority of the General Assembly, including in the maintenance of international peace and security as stipulated in articles 10,11,12,13,14 and 35 of the Charter.

The NAM, while expressing its readiness to continue to support all ongoing efforts to strengthen the central role and authority of the Assembly, wishes to underline that it will continue to oppose any reform proposal that seeks to contradict this objective and to continue to oppose any approach that seeks to or could result in undermining or minimizing the achievements of the General Assembly, diminishing its current role and functioning, or raising questions about its relevance and credibility.

Mr. President,

The NAM expresses its concern that during the previous rounds of consultations recurrent proposals have been made aiming at undermining the central role of the Assembly and its authority, including in relation to its prerogatives regarding administrative and budgetary questions. It is the hope of the NAM that any forthcoming proposals aiming at upgrading the revitalization of the work of the assembly will be made in a spirit of mind which departs from any challenging approach.

Mr. President,

With respect to assessing the status of implementation of all previous resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, in particular the landmark resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313 and 60/286, the NAM is deeply disappointed that, at this stage of the 62<sup>nd</sup> session, the report requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of its resolution A/61/292 in continuation of the reporting requirements established by resolutions 59/313 and 60/286 has not been made available to the membership, therefore depriving the forthcoming consultations of the political guidance that was expected to emanate from the Assembly on the occasion of this debate.

However, the NAM wishes, at this stage, to make the following comments on some of the aspects.

The NAM notes with growing concern continuous attempts on the part of the Security Council to encroach on issues which clearly fall within the functions and powers of other principal organs of the UN and their subsidiary bodies. This has been, again, recently the case with the Security Council holding a thematic debate on the effects of climate change thus departing not only from the provisions of the Charter but also from the agreement reached among the member states to increase coordination and cooperation among the principal organs and complementarity of their work programmes.

The NAM underscores, once again, the need for full respect for the functions and powers of the principal organs, in particular the General Assembly, and to maintain the balance among them in accordance with the Charter. In this respect, the NAM welcomes the proposals of the President of the General Assembly to convene a panel discussion on the climate change as well as an informal meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the global Counter-terrorism strategy and looks forward to make substantive contribution to them.

The NAM remains, further, particularly concerned over the exercise of norm-setting and establishing definitions by the Security Council in areas beyond its competencies.

Mister President,

The NAM expresses its satisfaction that the General Assembly has played a central role both during the preparatory process of the World Summit of 2005 and during the follow-up phase that allowed it to reassert its prerogatives. It also expresses its satisfaction to the progress made in implementing previous decisions such as the improvement of the transitional arrangements between the outgoing and incoming presidents of the GA as well as at the level of the bureaus of the main committees, the reinforcement of the office of the PGA and its increased media exposure, the valuable contribution made by the main committees in improving their methods of work, in particular by improving the interactive nature of their debates and on many other aspects.

However the NAM members remain convinced that a genuine revitalization of the work of the General Assembly can not afford to avoid addressing the main issue of the lack of implementation of all GA resolutions and the underlying cause behind it which is the lack of adequate resources made available to that end.

In this regard, the NAM is encouraged by the fact that the member states have been able to reach a common understanding on how to reinvigorate the discussion on the mandates review in view to rationalize the reallocation of the freed resources. It is the hope of the NAM that the issue of providing adequate resources in order to implement the decisions of the General Assembly will be addressed in a similar spirit of mind.

Finally, Mister President, the NAM looks forward to the establishment of the Open Ended Working Group on GA revitalization called for by resolution A/61/292 and expresses its readiness to participate, along those lines, to its work in order to end up with a detailed and fair assessment of the status of implementation of all previous decisions as well as, if it is deemed necessary, to work towards the adoption of a new resolution aiming at further improvements.

I thank you!