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*Role and authority of the General Assembly and its relationship to
the principal organs of the United Nations*

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Co- Chairs

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

At the outset, I would like to express the appreciation of the NAM member States to your efforts and your excellent work in preparation of and during the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group held on 27 March 2012, as well as for the outline of the program of work for the coming weeks, as proposed in your letter dated 11 April 2012. We appreciate the allocation of separate meetings to each of the issues on the agenda. This focused approach will lead to a better interactive debate.

The Non Aligned Movement reiterates again the great importance it attaches to the Revitalization of the General Assembly as an ongoing process aimed at strengthening the role of the Assembly as the primary, chief deliberative and policy making organ of the United Nations.

We reaffirm the role and authority of the General Assembly, including in questions related to international peace and security, and its inter-governmental, inclusive and democratic character which have immensely contributed to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the goals of the Organization. The Group reaffirms as well the intergovernmental nature of the United Nations as such and draws the attention on the necessity to consult with Members States on the initiatives and activities undertaken within the organization.

In this regard, the NAM stresses the importance of implementing the General Assembly decisions and resolutions on a non-selective basis, including the implementation of all the previous resolutions on the revitalization of its work.

Co-Chairs

The NAM emphasizes the imperativeness of upholding the Charter based prerogatives of the United Nation's principal organs, in particular the General Assembly. In this regard, the Movement remains deeply concerned over the continuous encroachment by the Security Council on issues which clearly fall under the powers and functions of the

General Assembly. The NAM is strongly opposed to such encroachment on the General Assembly's Charter based mandated responsibilities.

The Movement is concerned over the fact that such encroachment is widespread even in areas of norm-setting, legislation, administrative and budgetary matters, establishing definitions and other matters not related to international peace and security. All this is notwithstanding the fact that Article 13 of the Charter entrusts these functions to the General Assembly.

The Movement stresses the necessity for complete observance by the Security Council of all Charter provisions as well as all General Assembly resolutions, which define and clarify its relationship with the other principal organs. In this context, it's worth highlighting that Article 24 of the Charter does not necessarily provide the Security Council with the competence to address issues which fall within the functions and powers of the General Assembly.

At the same time it should not be deemed as impeding General Assembly from addressing issues related to international peace and security. The Security Council should take into account the recommendations of the General Assembly on this matter as prescribed by Article 11 (2) of the Charter.

It is the responsibility of Member States individually and collectively to ensure the implementation of all Charter provisions, in particular between General Assembly and Security Council. It is also fair to add that it is the responsibility of these organs to work towards a coordinated and efficient relationship in accordance with the Charter and the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

Co-Chairs

The NAM recognizes the importance of close cooperation and coordination among all principal organs, especially between the General Assembly, the Security Council and the ECOSOC. In this connection, coordination is indispensable for the execution of the principles and purposes of the Charter. The agenda of the United Nations is vast and in order to execute its mandate effectively and remain relevant and capable of meeting the existing and emerging challenges, threats and expectations, it is essential for this organization to work in unison. In this regard, the Movement welcomes the regular meetings between the Presidents of General Assembly, Security Council and ECOSOC.

Such coordination should also be extended to the agenda and program of work of the respective principal organs in order to promote widely reinforcing coherence, complementarities and mutual respect and understanding between these organs.

The NAM members have noted with satisfaction the informal meetings of the Presidents of the Security Council with all the Member States on the preparation of the Security Council's annual report to be presented to the Assembly in accordance with the Charter. The NAM calls for institutionalization of such consultations and look forward to engaging with future presidencies of the Security Council on this important issue. It is our opinion that this engagement improves the quality of such reports and allows for greater transparency in the work of the Security Council.

Consequently, the Non-Aligned Movement urges the Security Council to submit a more comprehensive and analytical annual reports to the General Assembly, which should include the views expressed by its members during the consideration of its agenda items.

The NAM invites the Security Council to submit periodically, for the consideration of the General Assembly, special reports in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the United Nation's Charter. According to the inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization A/63/959, no special subject-oriented reports have been formally submitted to the General Assembly as requested by the resolutions A/58/126; A/59/313 and A/60/286.

The Non-Aligned Movement has noted with satisfaction the efforts of the Secretary General, the Department of Public Information and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, mentioned by the report A/66/730, aiming at increasing visibility of the General Assembly and enhancing more contact with media, and requests them to keep taking appropriate measures to increase to more enhance world public awareness of the work of the General Assembly, including through facilitating and encouraging the media's reporting of the work of the General Assembly.

The NAM expresses its readiness to work constructively and closely with the Co-facilitators and all delegations to ensure a successful session to the Working Group.

I thank you.