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Co--Chairs

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

The Non Aligned Movement reiterates the validity and the relevance of its principled position with regard to the revitalization of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the United Nations and its position in the wider United Nations system.

This process, including those aspects that appear to have a technical dimension, is of a political nature with the principal aim of strengthening the role of the General Assembly in line with its mandate assigned to it by the United Nations Charter. In this regard, the NAM stresses on the importance of addressing the four thematic clusters on an equal footing.

Further, the NAM would like to ensure that the General Assembly should remain the principal organ that reviews the work of all its subsidiary organs and bodies.

Co-Chairs

The Group recalls that the previous resolution A/RES/65/315 of the General Assembly on the revitalization has encouraged the main committees to discuss their working methods during the current session and to brief our Ad Hoc Working Group on this issue. In this connection, the NAM reiterates the intergovernmental and inclusive nature of these discussions on working methods, in consultation with all the delegations.

While noting that some programs of work within the framework of the General Assembly are partly organized on a biennial and triennial basis, the Non-Aligned Movement strongly believes that any biennialization, triennialization, elimination of items on the Agenda of the General Assembly or introduction of sunset clause cannot be conducted without a clear consent of the co-sponsoring States and/or the States concerned by the topic of the item. The Group recalls in this connection the paragraph 14 of the Resolution A/RES/65/315.

The NAM recalls, as well, that the paragraph 15 of the Resolution A/Res/65/315 invites their Chairs to brief the Working Group in this regard. The Movement would like to seek more clarifications from the Co-Chairs on the holding of such briefings.

Co-Chairs

The NAM emphasizes the fact that the High Level Meetings, held on the basis of mandates decided by the General Assembly, and the Thematic Debates give more visibility to very

important topics, among which a majority are of the utmost importance to developing countries. The NAM is open to consider proposals, aiming at keeping all the visibility to the aforementioned events.

The NAM expresses the importance that the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, and in particular its General debate and its main session will not be hindered by the rehabilitation work of the Headquarter undertaken in the frame of the Capital Master Plan.

Co-Chairs

With regard to the voting and balloting system, the Movement supports, as a principled position, any technical improvement that will provide support to the work of the General Assembly, by making it more efficient and more secured. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement has from the beginning welcomed the proposal to introduce a technically more advanced system for both voting and balloting.

During the previous sessions, presentations were received by the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a potential voting and balloting systems, for consideration by Member States. It appeared that neither of the systems presented meet the requirements of reliability, credibility, integrity and confidentiality.

Consequently, no formal decision has been taken in this regard by the plenary of the General Assembly. Accordingly, the development of electronic devices related to the voting and balloting systems within the framework of the Capital Master Plan could not be invoked in itself to urge Member States to adopt these systems.

With regard to the inventory on the status of implementation of the Resolutions on the revitalization, as reported by the report A/66/730, the NAM notes that the provisions related to the consultative process on the consolidation of the reports according to the resolution 57/300 are not yet implemented, and invites to address this lack.

In contrast, the Non-Aligned Movement notes with satisfaction the efforts of the Secretary General and the Office of Legal Affairs to conclude the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization.

I thank you.