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

1- At the outset, I would like to express our appreciation to the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, for the importance he attaches to enhance the authority of the General Assembly. The Non-Aligned Movement also would like to express the gratitude of its members States to the two Co-facilitators for steering the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly during the sixty-fifth session; as well as for the outline of the programme of work for the coming weeks, as proposed in their letter dated 5 April 2011. We reiterate our readiness to work constructively and closely with the Co-facilitators and all delegations to ensure a successful session to the Working Group.

2-The Non-Aligned Movement specially appreciates the fact that you have organized separate meetings for each of the issues on the agenda of this Group. It is our hope that this focused approach will lead to better interactive discussion on the revitalization of the General Assembly.

3-The Non Aligned Movement again reiterates the great importance it attaches to the Revitalization of the General Assembly as an ongoing process aimed at strengthening the role of the GA as the primary, chief deliberative and policy making organ of the United Nations. This process must be conducted in an inclusive, transparent and efficient manner.

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4- Turning to the issue at hand, 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, and establishing definitions. All this is notwithstanding the fact that Article 13 of the UN Charter entrusts these functions to the General Assembly.

5- 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. Such cooperation and coordination are indispensable for the execution of the principles and purposes of the United Nations 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.

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

7- In this regard, the Movement welcomes the regular meetings between the Presidents of General Assembly, Security Council and ECOSOC. We have also noted with satisfaction the informal meeting in 2008, 2009 and 2010 between the Presidents of the Security Council for July, Vietnam, Uganda and Nigeria and the United Nations 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.

8- Consequently, the Non-Aligned Movement urges the Security Council to submit a more comprehensive and analytical annual reports to the General Assembly, which should also include cases and areas where the Council has failed to act, as well as the views expressed by its members during the consideration of such issues.

9-The Non-Aligned Movement 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, 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.

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10- 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 fully take into account the recommendations of the General Assembly on matters relating to international peace and security as prescribed by Article 11 (2) of the Charter.

11- It is undoubtedly the responsibility of Member States individually and collectively to ensure the implementation of all UN Charter provisions governing the relationship between the principal organs, 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.

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12-The Non-Aligned Movement requests the Secretary General and the Department of Public Information to take appropriate measures to increase the public visibility of the General Assembly and to enhance world public awareness of its work, including through facilitating and encouraging the media's reporting of the work of the General Assembly.

13-While expressing the priority it attaches to the role and authority of the General Assembly and its relationship to the other principal organs within the United Nations, the Non aligned Movement will closely follow the discussions around the issue of the relationship of the General Assembly with "other groups outside the United Nations" in order to have more clarification on this subject. However at the outset we wish to reiterate that the General Assembly is the primary legislative body in the multilateral system and this position of the Assembly should be respected.

I thank you.