

#### Co--Chairs

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

1- At the outset, I would like to welcome the Chair of the Second Committee, the Chair of the Security Council's informal Working Group on Documentation and Procedural Questions, and the members of Secretariat who are participating to our Meeting. The Non Aligned Movement wishes to also thank the Co-Chairs for the briefings scheduled for today and to encourage you to continue this practice during the two upcoming meetings.

2- The Non Aligned Movement reiterates the validity and 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 are technical in nature, all have a political dimension as its principal aim is to strengthen the role of the General Assembly in execution of its mandate as determined by the United Nations Charter. In this regard, the NAM stresses the importance of addressing the four thematic clusters as of equal importance.

#### Co-Chairs

3- While noting that some programs of work within the framework of the General Assembly, like that of the sixth Committee, are partly organized on a biennial and triennial basis, and while taking note of efforts conducted by the second Committee to streamline its program of work, the Non-Aligned Movement strongly believes that any biennialization, triennialization, elimination of items on the Agenda of the General Assembly as well as the introduction of a so-called "sunset clause" cannot be conducted without the clear consent of the co-sponsoring States and/or the States concerned by the topic of the item.

4- With regard to the proliferation of High-level Meetings on the margins of the General Debate of the General Assembly, the Non Aligned Movement wishes to emphasize the fact that these High-level Meetings are held on the basis of mandates decided by the General Assembly. These Thematic Debates also provide greater visibility to very important topics that are mostly of utmost importance to the developing countries. The NAM is open to consider proposals related to improving the scheduling of the aforementioned events.

#### Co-Chairs

5- On 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, that

will make it more efficient and secure. 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.

6- However, the voting and balloting systems, proposed during the previous sessions, and currently under consideration do not appear to meet the requirements of reliability, credibility, integrity and confidentiality.

7- The NAM wishes to emphasize that this process is not complete, and because changing the system directly affects all Member States, the system can only be changed by a decision of the plenary of 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 any new system.

#### Co-Chairs

8- The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its request to the Secretary General and to 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.

9- With regard to the working methods of this Working Group, the Non-Aligned Movement is of the view that holding a wrap-up meeting after the debate on the four clusters and just before the start of negotiations on the resolution related to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is required to give all stakeholders the opportunity to have an interactive discussion on the topic as a whole and react to the briefings organized by the Co-Chairs.

10- In addition, we would also like to request the Co-Chairs to circulate in advance and in written details and information, mentioned in the letter dated 19 April 2011, for holding meetings.

11- The Co-Chairs are further requested to provide more detailed information on how the outcome of these meetings will be reflected and what action will be undertaken for their implementation, in particular, the envisaged outcome of our discussions and the follow-up of these discussions, during the month of June.

I thank you.