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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri,
President of the 55th Session of the General Assembly,
on the Appointments of two vice-chairpersons to the Open-ended Ad
Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of
Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa**

I should now like to make an announcement concerning the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa.

We have just adopted draft resolution L.37/Revision 1 and thereby extended the mandate of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group until the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

In this regard, I have conducted extensive consultations, and as already indicated to all regional groups on 4 December, it is now a great pleasure to announce my decision to appoint His Excellency Mr. Shamshad AHMAD, Permanent Representative of Pakistan and reappoint His Excellency Mr. Inocencio ARIAS, Permanent Representative of Spain, as the two vice-chairpersons of the Open-ended Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa.