

12 April 2012

Excellency

I would like to refer to my letter on the 26 January 2012 on the appointment of co chairs of the Ad hoc working group on General Assembly Revitalization.

As you are aware, I have adopted United Nations Reform and Revitalization as one of my four key priorities of action, through the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Indeed, revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the comprehensive reform of the UN.

More than ever before, events around the world necessitate a strong and responsive General Assembly. I invite you all to continue to act sincerely with a view to restore and enhance the role and authority of the General Assembly.

In this regard, I have the pleasure to include herewith, a letter addressed to member states from H.E Mrs.Susan Waffaa-Ogoo, Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr.Alexander Lomaia, Permanent representative of Georgia, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on revitalization of the General Assembly, charting the course forward with regard to this very important subject.

I fully support Ambassador Ogoo and Ambassador Lomai, in their active and sincere endeavors under my vigilant guidance. I would like to encourage all member states to extend their most valuable support to the Co-Chairs endeavors, and to continue the constructive engagement and contribution to the process of General Assembly Revitalization.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 11 April, 2012

Excellency,

In our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG) we would like to thank all delegations for their contributions at the first meeting of the AHWG held on 27 March 2012. Having met the representatives of different groups and interested individual Member States, and have carefully considered their proposals, recommendations and ideas, we would now like to invite you to the forthcoming thematic debates of the Working Group.

We intend to hold the first thematic meeting of the AHWG on 19 April 2012 to discuss the role and authority of the General Assembly and its relationship to the principal organs of the United Nations and other groups outside the United Nations. We would like to invite you to refer also to the annex contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the sixty-third session (document A/63/959) and to present your views on the status of the implementation of those items related to the role and authority of the General Assembly and its relationship to the other principal organs of the United Nations.

At the second thematic debate, which we plan to hold on 30 April 2012, we intend to exchange views on the questions pertaining to the working methods of the General Assembly, implementation of General Assembly resolutions and the agenda, as well as other operational and technical issues, including options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting in the General Assembly.

We propose to dedicate the third thematic debate, to be held on 10 May 2012, to the role of the General Assembly in the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as in the selection of candidatures for other executive Heads of the UN system.

Our fourth thematic meeting, scheduled for 1 June 2012 will focus on the functions of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including strengthening its institutional memory as well as its relationship with the Secretariat.

We look forward your active participation in the forthcoming thematic debates and to hear your concrete proposals and recommendations regarding the respective topics on the agenda.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Alexander Lomaia

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Susan Waffa-Ogoo

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