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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa,
President of the 69th Session of the General Assembly,
on the Report of the Security Council**

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We have heard the last speaker in the debate on agenda item 28, “Report of the Security Council”. Under paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly is called on, inter alia, to assess the debate on this item and to consider the need for further consideration of the report of the Security Council.

Excellences,

This has been an important debate, during which Member States reiterated the importance that they attach to the work of the Security Council. Many noted with appreciation the relevance and complexity of the issues, however, questioned the methods of the Security Council.

Many delegations highlighted the need for the Security Council to carry out its work in a more efficient and responsive fashion, while expressing appreciation for the Councils’ work in the maintenance of international peace and security. Speakers called on the Security Council to demonstrate greater decisiveness on complex issues that appeared on its agenda.

Others noted the need for the Security Council membership to evolve so that it would better-reflect the realities of today’s geo-political landscape, particularly with regard to the issues of the veto. Delegates called on the Council to pay greater attention to the role of preventive diplomacy and seek greater cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations, as reflected in the Charter.

Speakers advocated for strengthened exchanges between the main organs of the United Nations, in particular between the General Assembly and the Security Council. Others called for greater consultation and cooperation with troop and police-contributing countries on issues related to peacekeeping, while respecting the role of the C34.

Delegates also stressed the importance of the Security Council providing regular, comprehensive updates to the General Assembly to promote greater accountability and transparency. Speakers also called on the Security Council to pay greater attention to the respective roles and mandates of each organ of the United Nations.

On the report itself, delegates noted with appreciation the overall improvements made in the quality of the report. However, many delegations also stressed that the report should be even more analytical and substantive in the future, so as to serve its intended purpose as a means of communication with the General Assembly.

Finally, some delegates stressed the need for the creation of a synopsis on the comments and views that had been expressed by Member States on the Report. I have listened carefully to the comments and intend to prepare and present a report.

I thank you for your attention.