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STATEMENT

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**MEETING OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
DURING THE 70TH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**UNDER AGENDA ITEM:
“REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY”**

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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to join other delegations who have spoken before, in congratulating you and other members of the Bureau.

Namibia attaches great importance to the Charter of the United Nations and its values, principles and purposes.

In order to advance the purpose of the Charter of the United Nations, the role of the General Assembly, its authority, effectiveness and efficiency must be continuously reviewed.

In September 2015, resolution 69/321 mandated the Ad hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly to continue its work during this 70th session. In this regard, the President of the General Assembly re-appointed Ambassador Vladimir Drobnyak of Croatia and myself, to continue our work as co-chairs of the Ad hoc-Working Group.

Mr. Chairman

The work of the Ad-hoc Working Group is an important aspect of the broader efforts to strengthen and reform the United Nations and resolution 69/321 contains significant steps in that direction.

The resolution underscores the central position of the General Assembly as the chief policy making organ of the United Nations. It strengthens the role and authority of the Assembly. It also encourages the improvement of the working methods and calls for strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

As we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations we hope that it will renew our hope to strengthen the UN especially with regard to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly to promote its cooperation and integration with other organs, bearing in mind that the improvement of the procedures and working methods of the General Assembly will restore and enhance its role and authority.

Mr. Chairman

Namibia believes that a revived General Assembly and its committees will significantly contribute to the strengthening of the wider United Nations System. This, however, should happen in a more responsive environment.

We reaffirm that there is need for a thorough evaluation of the status of implementation of the General Assembly AA resolutions. In undertaking the revitalization process, we should identify the underlying causes and constraints that prevent the process of revitalization from adopting all its potential.

We stress the role and authority of the General Assembly, including issues related to international justice, peace and security. Given the intergovernmental nature of the United Nations, we wish to stress the necessity to consult with Member States on the initiatives and activities undertaken within the General Assembly, the Security Council and other organs of the Organization.

Mr. Chairman,

We emphasize the need for respect of the Charter of the United Nations based on the prerogatives of the organs of the Organization. In this regard, we express objection to the encroachment by the Security Council on issues that clearly fall under the powers of the General Assembly, such as norm-setting, legislation, administrative and budgetary matters. It should be noted that the General Assembly is tasked with the development and codification of the international law, in accordance with Article 13 of the Charter of the United Nations. We however would like to see a stronger and healthier relationship and cooperation between the General Assembly and Security Council, on matters of mutual interest.

Furthermore, we wish to reiterate that the activities of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and strengthening the role of the Organization, would contribute greatly to the whole process of revitalization.

In conclusion, I wish to reaffirm Namibia's readiness to effectively contribute to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in identifying ways and means to strengthen the role and authority of General Assembly. We will cooperate and engage in discussions with other delegations on this very important aspect.

Thank you!