

Mr.

President,

Thank you for giving me the floor. I congratulate Ambassador Vinhas on his appointment as the Chair of the 1st committee . We assure to them SriLanka's corporation in this undertaking.

Mr P. it is said that a stronger United Nations is necessary to build a resilient world. Efforts to make the United Nations efficient, effective and accountable must continue, together with efforts to reform the Security Council, revitalize the General Assembly and strengthen the Economic and Social Council. Regular consultations with Member States, both formal and informal, must continue, as will regular interaction with the Presidents of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General.

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It must be appreciated that the revitalization of the General Assembly is a political process and its principal objective should be to strengthen the role of the General Assembly as the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations. In addition, my delegation believes that the attempts to undermine the role played by the General Assembly through perceived encroachment must be countered.

Revitalization efforts within the United Nations Organization (UNO) can be focused on several principle areas. Permit me to the indulgence to refer to a few of the key areas where revitalization must be undertaken:

Strengthening the role of the General Assembly is of utmost importance: The General Assembly being the main deliberative body of the UN revitalization efforts must focus on enhancing its decision-making power, ensuring greater representation of member states, and promoting transparency and accountability.

Refer to the GA's primacy in A.7.

2. Reforming of the the Security Council appears the buzz word in revitalization: The Security Council plays a vital role in maintaining international peace and security. They cannot be seen to abdicate that obligation. Revitalization efforts can be directed towards making the Security Council more representative, inclusive, and effective in addressing current global challenges.

3. Enhancing the effectiveness of the Secretariat: The Secretariat is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day work of the UN. Revitalization efforts can focus on streamlining and improving its functioning, including through reforms in recruitment, decision-making processes, and budgetary practices.

4. Strengthening coordination and cooperation between UN agencies is of equal importance: The UN system includes a wide range of specialized agencies, programs, and funds. Revitalization efforts can concentrate on enhancing

coordination and cooperation among these entities to maximize their collective impact and avoid duplication of efforts.

5. Promoting the engagement of civil society and non-state actors although not altogether popular must be given greater consideration having regard to contemporary events and the present global security instability. Revitalization efforts can aim to increase the participation and involvement of civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other non-state actors in the work of the UN. This can be achieved through greater inclusion in decision-making processes and consultations.

My delegation is of the considered view that when it comes to revitalization that we may also consider

Strengthening peacekeeping operations: Peacekeeping is a critical function of the UN. Revitalization efforts can focus on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of peacekeeping missions, including through better training, equipment, and coordination, as well as enhanced partnerships with regional organizations.

Address the financial sustainability of the UN: Ensuring the financial sustainability of the UN is crucial for its operations. Revitalization efforts can involve exploring innovative funding mechanisms, improving the budget allocation process, and encouraging timely and full payment of member contributions. A

matter that must not escape our focus when discussing matters of finance is the imperative need to enhance the budgetary provisions of the office of the PGA from the regular budget and would respectfully submit that the Fifth Committee and the ACABQ gives this aspect their earnest consideration as a matter of priority.

8. Prioritizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): The SDGs provide a comprehensive framework for addressing global challenges, such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. Revitalization efforts can emphasize the integration of the SDGs into the work of the UN, promoting coherence and synergy among different programs and agencies.

Strengthen the Human Rights Council: The Human Rights Council plays a key role in promoting and protecting human rights globally. Revitalization efforts can concentrate on enhancing the council's effectiveness, ensuring balanced regional representation, and addressing the politicization of its work.

Improving communication and outreach: Revitalization efforts can focus on enhancing the UN's communication strategies to increase public awareness and understanding of its work. This can involve utilizing digital platforms, engaging with youth, and fostering partnerships with the media and other stakeholders.

It is important to note that revitalization efforts should be undertaken through inclusive and consultative processes, involving member states, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders. By addressing these principle areas, the UNO can become more effective, adaptable, and responsive to the evolving global challenges of our time.

While reaffirming the resolutions [73/341 of 12 September 2019](#) and [74/303](#) of 4 September 2020 and all other previous resolutions adopted by consensus related to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, my delegation would like to recall this assembly of the role and authority of the General Assembly and the strict respect of the Charter-based prerogatives and division of work among the principal organs of the United Nations. There has been a sustained effort to make the work of the General Assembly more focused and relevant. This was identified as a priority during the fifty-eighth session, and efforts continued at subsequent sessions to streamline the agenda, improve the practices and working methods of the Main Committees, enhance the role of the General Committee, strengthen the role and authority of the President and examine the Assembly's role in the process of selecting the Secretary-General.

We might also recall that During the seventieth and seventy-first sessions, the Assembly adopted landmark

resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly ([A/RES/70/305](#) and [A/RES/71/323](#)), which, inter alia, established an oath of office and a code of ethics for the Presidents of the General Assembly and provided for informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General assembly.

The practice of convening high-level thematic debates is also a direct outcome of the [revitalization process](#) which is commendable.

It has become an established practice for the Secretary-General to brief Member States periodically, in informal meetings of the General Assembly, on his recent activities and travels. These briefings have provided a well-received opportunity for exchange between the Secretary-General and Member States.

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Let me turn to the circumstances of the smaller delegations, it had been a difficult task to attend all the high-level and side events organized in parallel with the general debate. As such we suggest that the side events organized in parallel with the general debate of the General Assembly should be kept to a minimal. We remain hopeful that this aspect would be addressed as a matter of priority in the future. Another aspect that I thought we should focus on is the opportunity for multiple statements to be made prior to adopting or voting on a resolution. You will recall that member states are entitled to make a general statement on the resolution discussed, followed by an explanation of vote before the vote and after the vote and

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finally to two rights of reply a failure to economize on time which compels the extension of the time frames allocated to the several committees and consequent costs of and the unavailability of support services such as interpreters and connected back up staff. We would also like to see greater consultation between the secretariat and the member states in the structuring of the program of work particularly those of an informal nature which closely follows the procedure of a formal meeting .

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Let us remind ourselves that the first three words of the Charter of the United Nations are: "We, the Peoples". We must therefore move with vigour to bring the United Nations closer to the people of the world, while also recognizing cultural diversity. We must facilitate those interactions and make the UN a forum for all .

Mr. President,

We remain hopeful and have reason to believe that the working methods of the General Assembly could be made more meaningful under your leadership in times to come with the efforts in revitalizing its work.

[may I conclude by highlighting the need to maintain transparency, democracy and inclusivity of all Member States in

this endeavour, which would be vital in realizing the targets envisioned under the 2030 agenda.]END.

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