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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA
ITEM 121 ON REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, SIXTH COMMITTEE,
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Thank you, Mr Chairperson,

1 My delegation had earlier in the morning made a statement on there being no precedent having been created with respect to the tabling of resolutions directly for action. This is a point we also made in the informal discussions under this agenda item. We do understand the circumstances in which the decision was taken in those instances in which a resolution was tabled without passing a silence procedure.

2 That said, one important lesson that should be drawn from what transpired in this session with respect to such resolutions would be that the deadline for tabling of resolutions should not be taken as a hard deadline for the end of negotiations. If the circumstances require, engagement with a view to achieving a consensus outcome can continue even after the tabling of the resolutions, and indeed this is what happened this year.

3 In the Protection of Persons agenda item, for instance, the coordinators continued their engagement with the relevant delegations to find a path forward. The deadline for the tabling of resolutions, which for that resolution was earlier than other resolutions due to its Programme Budgetary Implications, was not treated as a hardstop for engagement to achieve a consensus outcome. The coordinators should be commended for their work in this respect. Delegations that engaged in the process should also be commended. Similar efforts were undertaken with respect to other resolutions on which silence was broken and resolutions had to be tabled without a silence procedure, and the coordinators and delegations involved should be equally commended.

4 For my delegation, the efforts that were undertaken to achieve the consensus outcomes that we had today encapsulates what this Committee and multilateralism is about. This being a determination to move together collectively and with unity, which is particularly important, given that our work concerns the progressive development and codification of international law.

5 Let me conclude by thanking the Chair of the Committee, Bureau members and the Secretariat for their leadership, work and support of all delegations, including my own.

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