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Mr. President,

I would like to express my appreciation to you for convening this debate which is providing Member States with an opportunity to make their own assessment on the activities of the Security Council through the consideration of its annual report.

I would like also to thank Ambassador Gary Quinlan, Permanent Representative of Australia and President of the Security Council for the month, for introducing the report (A/69/2).

Algeria aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Our consideration today of the Security Council report is in accordance to the provisions of the UN Charter. Indeed, the General Assembly, as the chief deliberative body of the United Nations, is exercising its mandate in considering issues related to maintenance of international peace and security. It is important that Member States express their views on how the Security Council is conducting its work.

Mr. President,

Algeria wishes to stress the need to maintain the balance among the principal organs within their respective Charter-based functions and powers.

In this context, we reiterate our concern over the continuing encroachment by the Security Council on the functions and powers of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through addressing issues which traditionally fall within the competence of the two latter organs.

All UN bodies should only carry out those tasks which are established in their respective mandates. In that regard, we reiterate that the principal UN organs have distinct and separate roles in accordance with the UN Charter.
In order to address this issue, Algeria calls on the Presidents of the General Assembly, the ECOSOC and the Security Council to conduct regular discussions and coordination among themselves regarding the agenda and programme of work of their respective organs with the view to establish increased coherence and complementarities among these organs.

Mr. President,

Despite certain efforts, the content of the annual reports of the Security Council continue to be a procedural overview of the meetings, activities and decisions of the Council. The report continues to suffer from a lack of an analytic perspective of the work undertaken by that organ.

For instance, in this Council’s report, we can observe that there are very few elements that allow members of the General Assembly to have the exact sense of the kind of debate taking place on its various agenda items. In fact, there is no mention in the report of what have taken place during the informal discussions. Therefore, the official records of the Security Council have no reference to what happened in reality on various issues. This lack of transparency could only affect the credibility of the work of the Council.

In addition, the overview of some specific issues in the introduction part is not fully accurate and don’t give the full picture. In this regard, we call on the Security Council to submit to the General Assembly more explanatory, comprehensive and analytical annual report, assessing the work of the Council, and reflecting the views expressed by its members during the consideration of the agenda items under its consideration.

Obviously, this debate proves clearly that the issue of annual report of the Security Council is closely linked to the need of a comprehensive reform of the Security Council. The present structure and functioning of the Council do not properly reflect either the geopolitical realities of today’s world or the structure of United Nations membership in the twenty-first century. Therefore, in order to maintain the Council’s authority and relevance in maintaining global peace and security, its reform should be achieved. We want to make the Security Council more representative, more democratic, more efficient, more accountable and more transparent.

I thank you.