Statement by
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Mr President, Excellencies, dear colleagues,

The resolution we have just adopted is an important, far reaching document that shall be put to practical use very soon. It reflects the common position of all Member States, which strengthens its substance and reach; it meets respective interests of Member States, but we can certainly go one step further and say that this resolution is above all in the best interest of our Organization.

Allow me to make two particular points:

First, this resolution is a result of long, tireless work of many Member States and their willingness to engage in a thorough, substantive debate on numerous crucial issues on the subject of GA revitalization, in particular those related to the selection and appointment of the UN Secretary-General.

It was the willingness for compromise on all sides, as well as the common wish not to miss the opportunity at the eve of the new Secretary-General Election process, that made this resolution possible.

We have worked on this resolution for many months and the final results clearly show how much we can accomplish if we act and work together. And the co-chairs wholeheartedly thank you all for that.

Second, throughout our debate and exchange of views, being in the formal or informal format, we have touched upon many aspects of this pivotal GA revitalization field. As the resolution in front of us demonstrates, some issues were successfully addressed and provided with appropriate, effective solutions. On the other hand, some issues are put on wait, to be addressed properly during the 70th GA session and beyond. To put is simply: we have accomplished a lot, but our work under the GA revitalization auspices is not done yet.

Our debates were rich in substance and creative with new ideas and proposals, thus contributing to the quality of this resolution. The crux of our debates is contained in the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the GA revitalization and it remains an important point of departure for some aspects of our future work.

Allow me to once again, on behalf of the Permanent Representative of Namibia and myself, express our gratitude to all colleagues for your cooperation and thank in particular the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Sam Kutesa, for entrusting us with co-chairmanships and supporting us throughout the process.

Thank you.