



Seventy-seventh session

Agenda item

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on*[without reference to a Main Committee ()]***77/. (TBC) Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly***The General Assembly,*

Bearing in mind the role and authority of the General Assembly as a principal organ of the United Nations and the importance of its effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its functions under the Charter of the United Nations,

Reiterating that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations,

Welcoming continued calls to increase the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly through streamlining its agenda, [Streamlining]

Welcoming also the efforts of the Presidents of the General Assembly to provide impetus to and promote the process of revitalization of the work of the Assembly during its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions in favour of strengthening multilateralism, [Technical update]

Recalling the Declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, adopted as resolution 75/1 of 21 September 2020, which reaffirms overarching priorities for the work of the General Assembly, including the commitment to multilateralism and to continue to work to revitalize the General Assembly,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Our Common Agenda” as a basis for further consideration by Member States, and recalling its resolution 76/7 of 15 November 2021 on its follow-up process, [Co-chairs’ text]

[Streamlining]

Mindful of the importance of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which continue to guide its work, [Streamlining] *Recognizing* that multilingualism, as a core value of the Organization, contributes to the achievement of the goals of the United Nations, as set out in Article 1 of the Charter,

Underlining the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly to address the evolving global challenges,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 75/325 of 10 September 2021 and all other previous resolutions adopted by consensus relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly; [Technical update]

2. *Welcomes* the reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly issued during the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions and the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed thereto;¹ which continues to form a basis for the Member States' deliberation under the item on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly; [Technical update]

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in all six official languages and its substantive content within existing resources in a cost-effective manner, including through the use of existing capabilities such as automation of translation, while ensuring the accuracy of translation, and welcomes efforts already undertaken in this regard; [Co-chairs' update]

4. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions, in accordance with the biennialized format agreed in resolution 75/325 of 10 September 2021, an Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States: [Technical update]

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation, with the primary focus on:

(i) During the seventy-eighth session: role and authority of the General Assembly, and working methods;

(ii) During the seventy-ninth session: strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads;

(b) To also place the primary focus on implementation of the present resolution during the seventy-eighth session, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-ninth session; [Technical update]

4.bis. *Welcomes* the efficiencies of the biennialized format and recent innovations in the Ad Hoc Working Group working methods, including informal interactive dialogues with former Presidents of the General Assembly, and the UNITAR workshop for Member States, and encourages further efforts to improve the Working Group; [Co-chair's text]

4.ter. *Reiterates* its decision to hold annually an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat as mandated in resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017, during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and strongly emphasizes the importance of the follow-up on issues raised during the dialogue aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with Permanent Missions, including the circulation of these follow-up measures to Permanent Missions; [Reordering update, formerly OP8]

[Streamlining] 6. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to

¹ A/76/xxx and A/77/xxx

the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-seventh session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the reports to be submitted at the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor; [Technical update]

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions; [Technical update]

7.bis. *Recognizes* the importance of strengthening the institutional memory of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and enhancing the basis for discussions of its future sessions, and *further requests* the Secretariat to develop an online interactive repository of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, on the basis of its previous reports and the inventory charts issued since the sixty-second session; [**Co-Chairs' text**]

[Re-ordering update, moved to OP4.ter.]

8.bis. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-eighth session, to examine whether the format and mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group, including discussions on agenda alignment, remain fit-for-purpose, and explore options for strengthening its work, [Co-chairs' text]

Role and authority of the General Assembly

9. *Reaffirms* 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;

10. *Welcomes* the decision of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session to select "A Watershed Moment: Transformative Solutions to Interlocking Challenges" as the theme of the general debate, and also welcomes the decision of the President-elect of the General Assembly to select [TBC] as the theme of the general debate of the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly; [Technical update]

11. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly on a non-selective basis, including those related to the revitalization of its work that require a follow-up or further actions, as shown in the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group;

12. *Welcomes* the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to reinforce synergy, coherence and complementarity between the agendas of the Assembly and its Committees, and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and welcomes regular interaction and enhanced coordination between the Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council in this regard and encourages the continuation of this practice;

[Streamlining] [Streamlining] [Streamlining] [Streamlining] [Streamlining pp13-17 as an outcome of the Alignment Process submitted to the AHWG in the 75th Session] [reordering]

19. *Underlines* the urgent need to preserve the primacy, significance and established practice of the general debate of the General Assembly, and;

(a) Stresses the need to limit the number of high-level events held in the margins of the general debate to those of key significance that require immediate attention from Heads of State and Government, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly, Member States, the Secretary-General and heads of other relevant United Nations bodies, to carefully consider those aspects when planning and coordinating the events of the high-level week in September and to be guided by the existing mandates agreed upon by Member States;

(b) Encourages Member States and the United Nations system to singly and collectively limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, as well as other high-level sessions, including by consulting one another to identify side events on similar topics in an effort to minimize overlap and informing the Secretariat of the details of planned side events;

(c) *Invites* Member States to join the voluntary pledge contained at Annex II on committing to efforts to limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate and other high-level sessions, and *requests* the President of the General Assembly to circulate the pledge to Member States and provide information on States that have signed the pledge on the President's website; **[Co-chairs text]**

(d) *Requests* the Secretariat to continue the practice of uploading information on the side events, when indicated by the organizers, in the *Journal of the United Nations*; [Technical update]

[Streamlining]

20. *Recognizes* the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, calls for the rationalizing of such debates to ensure high-level attendance, and *calls upon* the President of the General Assembly to be mindful of the regular agenda of the Assembly and consider appropriate use of digital technology when organizing such debates, and *urges* Member States to refrain from mandating recurring high-level and commemorative meetings where possible; [Streamlining]

20.bis. *Urges* Member States, when considering establishing new mandates for meetings of the General Assembly, to be mindful of existing mandated meetings and, in this regard, *requests* the Secretariat to advise the main sponsors of any existing mandated meetings that overlap in date or theme, with the aim of minimising the overall number of high-level, thematic, and commemorative meetings; **[Co-chairs' text]**

20.ter. *Requests* the Secretariat to draw the attention of the Assembly and its subsidiary organs to any overlapping high-level meetings of the Assembly prior to action on proposals that mandate the holding of meetings of the Assembly on specific dates; **[Co-chairs' text]**

20.quater. *Requests* the Secretariat to advise co-chairs and co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly during the scheduling of informal consultations if such meetings or consultations overlap with other meetings of the Assembly already scheduled; **[Co-chairs' text]**

21. *Encourages* the President of the General Assembly, supported by the membership, to achieve gender parity among the co-chairs and co-facilitators appointed for intergovernmental processes, as well as among the invited speakers and panellists for high-level and other relevant meetings of the General Assembly, and invites the President of the General Assembly to publish the outcome of such efforts in a consolidated format on the Office of the President of the General Assembly's website; **[Co-chairs' text]**

22. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to continue scheduling the plenary meetings of the Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization and on the report of the Security Council in close coordination with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, so that discussions of these important reports are not conducted in a perfunctory manner;

23. *Recognises* the timely submission of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, recalls resolution 69/321 of 11 September 2015 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, and reiterates the importance of the Security Council continuing its efforts to provide its annual report to the Assembly in accordance with resolutions 51/193 of 17 December 1996 and 58/126 of 19 December 2003, and when necessary, special reports to the General Assembly for its consideration; **[Co-chairs' text, based on Article 24, pp3 of the Charter of the United Nations]**

23. bis *Requests* the President of the General Assembly with the support of the Secretariat to prepare a summary of the recommendations expressed by delegations during the General Assembly's plenary session dedicated to discussing the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly; **[Co-chairs' text]**

23. ter. *Recognizes* the functions, powers, and role of the General Assembly in matters related to the maintenance of international peace and security, consistent with the UN Charter;

23. quat. *Recalls* its resolution 76/262 of 26 April 2022 adopted by consensus and invites the Security Council, in accordance with Article 24 (3) of the Charter of the United Nations, to continue with the practice of submitting special reports, including those in connection with the casting of a veto by one or more permanent members of the Security Council; **[Co-chairs' text]**

24. *Notes* the progress aimed at increasing the visibility of the General Assembly in the media and in bringing the priorities of the Assembly to a wider audience, and *requests* the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat and its network of United Nations information centres to take innovative measures to provide accurate, impartial, comprehensive, balanced, and timely information to the public on the tasks and responsibilities of the General Assembly, thus enhancing public awareness and understanding of the role, work, and decisions of the Assembly throughout its session in all six official languages, including on as many platforms as possible, *requests* the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly to continue to make efforts to ensure that multilingualism is not undermined by the measures taken in response to the liquidity situation, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect; **[Streamlining and Co-chairs' text, based on Resolution 77/128 A-B, Preamble]**

24 bis. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made in automating the publication of information about the work of the Assembly, including the list of resolutions by Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and requests the Department of Global Communications, to continue to explore new ways to make such information available, also with a view to increasing the visibility of the work of the General Assembly, including to a broader audience; **[Co-chairs' text]**

Working methods

25. *Stresses* the desirability of the General Assembly further streamlining its agenda and dedicating more time for dialogue as well as the review of the implementation of the resolutions it adopts;

25 bis. Recognizes that urgent and concerted efforts are required to streamline the agenda of the General Assembly, and in this regard: **(Co-chairs' text)**

(a) *Recalls* the Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly published as an outcome of resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, and *requests* the Secretariat to prepare a conference room paper during the seventy-eighth session outlining the evolution of the agenda of the General Assembly to facilitate deliberations on the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering, and elimination of items, for the consideration of Member States; **(Co-chairs' text)**

(b) *Emphasizes* that the General Assembly and its Main Committees at each session, at the seventy-sixth session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make concrete proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account all the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the seventy-sixth session of the Assembly, and *encourages* the General Committee to play a more active role in this regard, in line with the rules of procedure of the Assembly **(Former paragraph 30)**

(c) *Encourages* the General Committee to play a more active role in this regard, in line with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and further *requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene informal meetings of the General Committee throughout the session, to review the annotated preliminary list and provisional agenda, and to elaborate concrete proposals for the further biennialisation, triennialisation, clustering and elimination of items, for the consideration of the General Assembly each year;

(d) *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly on the implementation of past decisions regarding the streamlining of the agenda of the Assembly, including those related to the role of the General Committee, to further address the issue of the increasingly overloaded agenda of the Assembly **[Based on former OP 28]**

26. *Reaffirms* the need to continue to improve the working methods of the Main Committees, and in this regard:

(a) *Requests* each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods, each session in a dedicated meeting;

(b) *Requests* each Main Committee to submit to the Ad Hoc Working Group on an annual basis, a written update on progress achieved so far in the efforts aimed at improving the working methods of the Committees, taking into account recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group as appropriate;

(c) *Invites* the Chairs of the Main Committees to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group, on an annual basis, on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, and to coordinate their briefings through, inter alia, possible identification of commonalities in the working methods and the lessons learned; [streamlining and reordering update, previously pp26, pp29 and pp31]

27. *Notes* the important role of information and communication technologies in carrying out the work of the United Nations, and its use in the General Assembly, and [streamlining]*requests* the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly on the current and potential use of information and communications technologies in the work of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring better preparedness in exceptional circumstances; [Streamlining and Co-chairs' text]

9 [Reordering update, moved to OP24]

[reordering update, moved to OP25 bis. (e)]

[streamlining and reordering update, now at OP24]

31.bis. *Stresses* the ongoing importance of aligning the agendas of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to avoid overlaps and duplication, consistent with resolution 75/325 paragraphs 32-44; **[Co-chair's text, streamlining as an outcome of the Alignment Process submitted to the AHWG in the 75th session]**

41. *Requests* the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and within its mandate, to consider gaps, overlaps and duplication and make recommendations annually to Member States for consideration;

41.bis. *Expresses its appreciation* to the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session for strengthening the role of the General Committee with the holding of meetings aimed to promote close coordination and collaboration between the appointed co-chairs and co-facilitators of different intergovernmental processes, and encourages the President of the General Assembly at future sessions to continue this practice in line with the existing rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

41 ter. *Commends* the President of General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session for convening scientific briefings, and strongly encourages Member States to consider the application of a science-based approach to inform the negotiations and decision-making processes of the Assembly;

41 quarter. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly for convening the Advisory Board on Gender Equality and the Meeting of the Platform of Women Leaders, and encourages the continuation of these initiatives in future sessions of the Assembly; [streamlining]

[streamlining]

45. *Welcomes* the increasing number of women candidates nominated for the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly in seeking to promote gender balance, and encourages Member States to continue to do so;

46. *Reiterates* the need to produce the *Journal of the United Nations* in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and in that regard emphasizes the importance of the extension of the information in the *Journal* published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect;

~~18~~[now 46bis.]. *Invites* the main sponsors of draft resolutions that are submitted for the consideration of delegations to consider the procedural practices applied during previous sessions with the aim of enhancing the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and *requests* the Secretariat to advise main sponsors of draft resolutions on its guidelines for the preparation, co-sponsorship, and submission of proposals for consideration in the plenary of the General Assembly⁴; **[Co-chairs text]**

⁴ Report of the General Committee to the GA at its seventy-fourth session (A/74/250), document 22-00301 (E): https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guidelines_preparation_co-sponsorship_proposals_submission_GA76.pdf

~~18 bis~~[now 46.ter]. *Recalls* its provisions related to its resolutions, contained in resolutions 60/286 of 8 September 2006, and resolution 66/294 of 8 October 2012, and *recommends* that, in order to ensure that they have greater political impact, General Assembly resolutions should be short, in particular as regards the preambular parts, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs; **[Co-chairs' text, based on resolution 57/270 B, pp69]**

47. *Reaffirms* its request in paragraph 47 of resolution 75/325 regarding e-deleGATE modules and:

(a) *Requests* the Secretariat to consolidate e-services provided to delegates under the e-deleGATE platform to provide a single point of entry for such services;

(b) *Encourages* its subsidiary organs to use, as much as possible, existing e-deleGATE modules;

(c) *Requests* the Secretariat to organize demonstrations for delegates on the use of the e-deleGATE platform, and other online tools used by delegates;

(d) *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the AHWG on the current and future functionality of the e-deleGATE platform. **[Co-chairs' text and streamlining]**

48. *Recognizes* the progress in archiving past statements, and requests the Secretariat to continue to ensure open access, to all documents uploaded to PaperSmart and its replacement in the eStatements module of the *Journal of the United Nations*; **[Co-chairs' update]**

48.bis. *Encourages* subsidiary organs to consider the further development and use of online platforms and digital tools to monitor the implementation of its outcomes, as appropriate, and *requests* the Secretariat to provide assistance in this regard; **[Co-chairs' text]**

49. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 33 to 37 of resolution 73/341, and requests the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly on the progress reached so far and on ways to improve the accessibility of the United Nations Headquarters premises for persons with disabilities, and requests further information on the accessibility of digital platforms maintained by the Secretariat including *the Journal* and e-deleGATE; **[Co-chairs' text]**

49.bis. *Decides* to amend the rules of procedure in order to remove gendered language and to ensure its inclusivity, further requests the Secretariat to reflect this update in its online format and any future print editions of the rules of procedure;

[Technical update as implemented in 75th session]

Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

51. *Reaffirms* the important role played by the Secretary-General in the context of current global challenges and in the implementation of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, human rights and sustainable development;

52. *Reaffirms its commitment* to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly; **[Streamlining]**

53. *Encourages* future Presidents of the General Assembly to actively contribute to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General, as contained in all relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 69/321 and 70/305, and stresses the need for the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads to be guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness;

54. *Welcomes* the progress achieved in the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General in the consensual resolutions 69/321, 70/305, 71/323 and 72/313, in full compliance with the General Assembly mandate under Article 97 of the Charter, and reaffirms previous resolutions referring to gender balance and regional rotation in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of Secretary-General;

55. *Requests* that the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council, in future joint letters on the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, provide a specific timeline and selection criteria for the position; **[Co-chairs' text]**

55.bis. *Further decides* that the timeline and the selection criteria to be used in the selection process will be agreed by Member States no later than the seventy-ninth session ahead of the start of the selection process for the next Secretary-General;

55.ter. *Encourages* Member States to publicize the call for nominations, including with civil society and other stakeholders with the aim of identifying potential candidates;

55.quat. *Invites* the President of the Security Council to provide regular updates to the Assembly on developments throughout the selection process; **[Co-chairs' text]**

56. *Recalls* that, in order to be circulated in a joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council pursuant to the process established in resolution 69/321, nominations of candidates must be submitted by at least one Member State, in accordance with paragraph 56 of resolution 75/325; **[Co-chairs' text and technical update]**

57. *Requests* the presentation of a vision statement by all candidates for the position of Secretary-General, including by those seeking a second term, and the organization of an informal dialogue with Member States and observers⁵ of the General Assembly on its content, and notes with appreciation the engagement of civil society in line with the letter dated 26 April 2021 from the President of the General Assembly, and encourages the continuation of such practices; **[reordering, formerly OP58]**

58. *Decides* to further assess during the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General, to consolidate the advances gained in the relevant Assembly resolutions and to explore possible steps to improve future processes, including the collaboration between the Assembly and the Security Council, consistent with Article 97 of the Charter; **[Reordering, formerly OP57]**

[streamlining]

⁵ See A/INF/78/3/Rev.1.

60. *Notes* that the Secretary-General-designate shall take an oath of office before the General Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

61. *Welcomes* again the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions 46/232 of 2 March 1992, 51/241, and 71/263 of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard;

62. *Supports* the request of the Secretary-General for Member States to submit the names and résumés of nationals who may be considered for positions of executive heads and senior management of the Secretariat and notes the creation of the Senior Leadership Talent Pool in that endeavour; **[Co-chairs' text]**

63. *Reiterates* the need to follow best practices in all senior appointments, including a public call for candidates, including women, welcomes the development of the Senior Leadership Vacancies portal, and encourages its further development, including by identifying innovative ways to publicise such calls; **[Co-chairs' text]**

63 bis. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-ninth session on the Senior Leadership Talent Pool, the Senior Leadership Vacancies portal, and other measures taken to bring greater transparency and accessibility to the selection and appointment of executive heads; **[Co-chairs' text]**

64. *Reaffirms* that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States and that the Secretary-General should ensure that this principle is applied faithfully in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution and that, in keeping with resolution 46/232, as a general rule, no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in a senior post and there should be no monopoly on senior posts by national of any State or group of States;

65. *Welcomes* the fact that gender parity has been maintained in the Senior Management Group, and commends the Secretary-General's commitment to reach gender parity and to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible across the United Nations Organization, and recalls the efforts made in the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Parity;

65 bis. *Notes with concern* that gender parity has not yet been reached in the appointment and election of the executive heads of the United Nations system and encourages the appointment and election of female executive heads;

66. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to continue efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution in the Secretariat and to ensure as wide a geographical distribution of staff as possible in all departments and offices and at all levels, including at the Director and higher levels, of the Secretariat; [streamlining]

67. *Reiterates* the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender parity and as wide a geographical basis as possible, while also being diverse from a multilingual perspective, and in this regard recalls its resolutions 46/232 and 51/241, adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the

recruitment and performance of international civil servants , and that candidates' independence should be considered; [Co-chairs' update]

68. *Notes* that there is yet to be a woman Secretary-General, and requests Member States to bear this in mind during the next selection process, when nominating candidates for the position of Secretary-General;

69. *Requests* the Office of Human Resources of the Secretariat to continue with the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, on the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, as well as with a breakdown showing those originating from the States that are permanent members of the Security Council, and to provide a written update prior to the briefing with details on the appointment and election process for each of the executive heads, to have greater understanding of the opportunities for Member States and respective governing bodies to nominate candidates for those executive heads that are elected; [Technical update and Co-chairs' text]

Strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

70. *Emphasizes* the important role of the President of the General Assembly within the United Nations Organization, as well as in the strategic guidance and the overall success of the work of the Assembly;

70.bis. *Decides* to discuss, at its seventy-ninth session, the duration of the term assigned to the President of the General Assembly, including possible alternative dates for the beginning of the term of the President of the General Assembly, and the possibility of a second year in office, and the financial and logistical implications thereof, as well as on potential benefits and shortcomings of various options;

71. *Invites* Member States to equally consider women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to strive for both gender and geographical balance within the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

72. *Recalls* with appreciation the decision of Member States to fund the transition period, the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, seconding national staff as well as the convening of annual retreats;

73. *Welcomes* the induction programme delivered to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and calls upon the Secretariat to strengthen the programme through enhanced content and increased delivery time;

74. *Also welcomes* the initiatives by Member States to support the strengthening of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including through the annual General Assembly retreat and a transition workshop that includes the revitalization of the work of the Assembly among its central components;

74.bis. *Further welcomes* the disclosure of staffing information provided on the website of the President of the General Assembly in recent years, including with regard to the status, level and funding of staff and encourages the continuation of this practice;

75. *Notes with concern* the heavy reliance of the Office of the President of the General Assembly on voluntary contributions to deliver on a growing number of mandates entrusted to it by the Assembly;

75.bis. *Recalls* that the mandates assigned to the President of the General Assembly have increased continuously and markedly in recent years, also recalls the provisions regarding the support for the Office of the President of the General Assembly in previous resolutions, and expresses continued interest in seeking ways to further support and strengthen the Office in accordance with existing procedures, in particular rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly; [Reordering update and co-chairs' text, previously at OP77]

75.ter. *Decides* that three additional posts at the P3/P4 level shall be made available, funded from the regular budget, to supplement the existing permanent support, and to form a core team of staff fulfilling the primary functions of the Office, to deliver increased substantive, analytical, administrative and strategic continuity, strengthening the expertise and institutional memory of the Office including for financing, administration, knowledge of General Assembly processes and rules of procedure, liaison with Member States and the UN system and stakeholder engagement, beginning from the first of January 2024; **[Co-chairs' text]**

75.quat. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2023-2024, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with existing procedures, in particular with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and taking into account the reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group on this issue, and in this regard decides to consider such proposals during the main part of its seventy-eighth session; **[Co-chairs' text]**

75.quint. *Further decides* to extend the one-month overlap period of General Temporary Assistance positions in the Office of the President of the General Assembly, approved in accordance with paragraph 36 of resolution 74/262 of 27 December 2019, by one additional month, beginning at the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly, to enhance the transition period and allow for the recruitment and on-boarding of staff of the Office of the President of the General Assembly to occur before the start of the session;

76.pre. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to consider maintaining existing staff members from the preceding Office of the President of the General Assembly, and *also invites* Member States to offer secondments for periods that go beyond a single General Assembly session, with a view to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly; **[Co-chairs' text]**

76. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure to provide to the President of the General Assembly, adequate administrative, technical, technological, logistical and protocol-related support necessary to effectively execute his or her mandates as president of a principal organ of the United Nations; [Co-chair's text]

76.bis. *Further requests* that this support include the full provision of services to ensure coverage of all calendar and non-calendar meetings convened by the President of the General Assembly; [Co-chair's text]

[Reordering update, now pp75.bis.]

[Technical update]

79. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to preserve and further strengthen the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the General Assembly revitalization process, through utilizing existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, in particular in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management and the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat;

80. *Requests* the Secretariat to issue, during the seventy-ninth session, within existing resources, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, a compendium comprising case studies from past Presidents, and relevant excerpts from past handover reports and accounts from previous Presidents of the General Assembly, that could serve to contribute to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office;

81. *Requests* outgoing Presidents to continue the practice of circulating a handover report for the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 69/321 and other relevant mandates contained in resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly;

82. *Welcomes* the good practice of the organization by the President of the General Assembly of informal interactive dialogues of the Member States, with the engagement of civil society, with the candidate(s) for the position of President of the General Assembly based on his or her vision statement.

*xxx plenary meeting
xx September 2023*

Annex I

Oath of office of the Secretary-General

I, [name], solemnly swear to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions entrusted to me as Secretary-General of the United Nations, to discharge these functions and regulate my conduct with the interests of the United Nations only in view and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, without seeking or accepting any instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any Government or other authority external to the Organization.

Annex II: Voluntary pledge on limiting side events

Recognizing the high number of side events held in the margins of the general debate of the General Assembly which, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, exceeded 400 events organized by Member States and Observers and UN system entities in a single session;

Welcoming the acknowledgement by the General Assembly in resolution 75/325 of 10 September 2021, and in previous resolutions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, of the urgent need to preserve the primacy, significance and established practice of the general debate of the General Assembly;

Stressing the need to limit the number of high-level events held in the margins of the general debate to those of key significance that require immediate attention from Heads of State and Government;

We, the signatories, pledge to:

1. Voluntarily limit the number of side events hosted, sponsored or co-sponsored by our delegations in the margins of the general debate, including by seeking to host events only on those issues of key significance and which require immediate global attention;

2. Actively consult other delegations when planning side events to identify events on similar topics or issues in an effort to minimize overlap and avoid duplication;
3. Provide details of any side events organized by our delegations in a timely fashion to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Journal of the United Nations;
4. Apply the above commitments to all side events, regardless of format, which may include virtual events and those organized outside of the UN Headquarters;

All Member States and Observers of the United Nations, and the United Nations System entities are invited to express their commitment to this voluntary pledge.

Furthermore, the President of the General Assembly is requested to make available a copy of this voluntary pledge on the website of the Office of the President, including an updated list of signatories.