



# ***ALGERIA***

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**Statement the Algerian delegation  
on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement  
before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the**

**REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**New York, 26 March 2010**

Co-chairs

1- I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

2- At the outset, I would like to express our thanks and our appreciation to you co-chairs for convening this meeting which is one of a series of thematic meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, where issues of great importance to the 118 Member States of the Non Aligned Movement, as well as, I am sure, to the whole membership of the General Assembly, are to be addressed.

3-The themes referred to in your letter of 18 March are, also, those identified by resolution 63/309 of the General Assembly as well as by delegations during the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of 26 February. These are namely:

- Implementation of General Assembly resolutions;
- Consideration of a new voting and balloting system;
- Role of the General Assembly in the selection and appointment of the Secretary General;
- Relationship between the General Assembly and other principle organs;
- Strengthening of the Office of the President of the GA.

4-All these issues are of great importance and the NAM likes to state from the outset that its strong preference is to see that the Working Group devote sufficient time, including additional meetings to address these issues thoroughly. Our aim should be to achieve concrete results and real progress during the current session of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

5-The Non Aligned Movement reiterates the validity and relevance of its principled position with regard to the revitalization of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the United Nations. The Movement believes that the issue of the revitalization is a political process that requires the commitment and the political will of all member States for it to succeed.

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6-The NAM attaches the importance to the implementation of all resolutions of the General Assembly, including those related to the revitalization of the work of the Assembly. Such implementation will,

undoubtedly, strengthen the role and authority of the General Assembly and qualitatively enhance its contribution to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter; as well as our common goals for peace, development and international cooperation. Indeed the role and prerogatives of the General Assembly should be respected and promoted, including in issues related to the maintenance of international peace and security where the Assembly has proved its relevance in many occasions

7-Since the beginning of this process, many proposals aimed at the improvement of the working methods and practices of the GA, have been put forward, a number of them have been adopted as recommendations through Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 51/241, 59/313 and 60/286. Such recommendations relate inter alia to: Rules of procedure; Organization of meetings of General Committee, Main Committees; Consolidation, preparation and issuance of reports; the Agenda of the General Assembly.

8-These resolutions also include recommendations on matters that will be addressed during our next meetings, such as the nomination, selection and appointment of the Secretary General; the relationship between the General Assembly and other principle organs, the strengthening of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

9-A Chart reflecting the status of implementation of these recommendations has been regularly issued as an Annexe to the Reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group. We note that, in general, a real progress have been achieved on the majority of areas, but recognize that there are still areas where we need to exert all our efforts to achieve progress and implementation. One of these areas is the issue of nomination, selection and appointment of the Secretary General, where provisions of two resolutions namely 51/241 and 60/286 have not yet been implemented.

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10-With regard to the voting and balloting system, the Movement supports, as a principled position, any technical improvement that will provide support to the work of the General Assembly, by making it more efficient and more secured. In this regard, the NAM has from the beginning welcomed the proposal to introduce a technically more advanced system for both voting and balloting.

11-During previous sessions, presentations were received by the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a potential voting and balloting systems for consideration by Member States. It appeared that neither of the systems presented meet the requirements of: reliability, credibility, integrity and confidentiality.

Consequently, no formal decision has been taken in this regard.

12-The NAM therefore reiterates its readiness to examine any proposal for a new system that improves the current system and meets the security and confidentiality requirements I just mentioned.

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13-Let me now present the specific NAM recommendations for our work during this session of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

14-Firstly we propose that the Chart on the status on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions be revisited with the aim of making it more concise. In particular, we suggest that all references to recommendations that have been already implemented, either on ongoing basis or as one time action, be removed from the Chart; especially those emanating from previous reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group. This will make the document more concise and more focused, since it will be concentrated on the following two categories of recommendations:

-Those still to be implemented;

-Those which will appear for the first time in the document, as new recommendations.

15-With regard to the draft program of work proposed in your letter of 18 Mars, the NAM wishes to make concrete proposal. Whilst we, in general, support your approach, the NAM is of the opinion that the amount of time devoted for consideration of matters on the AHWG agenda is not sufficient. We are also concerned over the fact that important agenda items are clustered together; we would prefer to see a separation of items in order to allow for focused debate, which will lead to concrete recommendations. In this regard the NAM wishes to propose that each of the remaining issues on the agenda be allowed its own individual meeting, namely:

-Role of the General Assembly in the selection and appointment of the Secretary General; during a meeting to be scheduled mid-April,

- Relationship between General Assembly and other main UN organs, in a meeting to be scheduled during the first week of May;
- Strengthening of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, during the meeting already scheduled for 26 May;

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16- The NAM also kindly requests the Co-chairs to provide more detailed information on the intended working methods of the meetings as well as how the outcome of these meetings will be reflected and what actions will be undertaken for their implementation. In other words what is the envisaged outcome of our discussions and the follow-up of these discussions, in particular during the month of June.

17-The NAM reiterates its readiness to contribute effectively and constructively to the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group with the aim of achieving a positive outcome of our deliberations. We emphasize the importance to address it in a comprehensive and transparent approach in order to ensure an effective implementation of decisions and outcome of the Working Group's deliberations.

I thank you.