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**Statement  
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### **Working Group on Revitalization of the General Assembly**

I would like to thank the Co-Chairs for organizing today's debate and for giving the opportunity to us to address the subject of revitalization of the General Assembly.

Since 1993, the General Assembly has adopted several resolutions on this subject with a view to restore the General Assembly's central position in the UN system and to enable it to play its role effectively. The 2005 Summit Outcome Document reaffirmed this commitment.

In this regard, my Delegation welcomes the opportunity to revisit and debate the role, authority and efficiency of the General Assembly. We agree revitalization of the General Assembly deserves more robust and action-oriented attention than has been possible to date.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

As other ambassadors have here noted, the General Assembly is the only universally representative body of member states in the UN and as such has unique potential to lead the international community on a broad range of issues as envisaged under the UN Charter.

In this context, Cambodia wishes to reaffirm the important role of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations and to underline that the General Assembly is the universal forum comprising all members of the UN.

- My Delegation wishes also to emphasize the view that the General Assembly should activate its role on the issues of international peace and security as envisaged under the UN Charter. The General Assembly should enhance its examination and discussion of issues of peace and security in accordance with Article 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Charter. The UNSG and relevant Secretariat departments should keep the General Assembly informed of developments relating to all issues, including security issues under consideration by the Security Council.
- Cambodia feels strongly that the relationships between the General Assembly and other principal organs of the UN shall continue to be strengthened. Any approach to addressing the relationship between the principal organs shall be based upon cooperation and the need for balance and must respect the roles of the principal organs under the Charter.

- In this regard, the President of the General Assembly should be more proactive in ensuring effective contact and coordination with the Presidents of the other principal organs, to ensure the preservation of the General Assembly's Charter role and responsibilities. We encourage the Presidents of the principal organs (GA, SC and ECOSOC) to meet each other regularly to ensure increased cooperation and coordination of their work programs in accordance with their respective responsibilities under the Charter.

- On matter of selection the Secretary General, Cambodia reiterates that the General Assembly shall play its due role in the appointment of Secretary General in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, in particular Article 97. We upheld the view that the process of selecting the Secretary General needed to be more transparent and the General Assembly should engage in a more active way of involvement in the selection process.

Finally, all Member-states of the UN have to make their best efforts in making their General Assembly more efficient and effective. But doing so will require that we redouble our efforts within this interactive debate and Cambodia stands ready to do so.

Once again we thank the Co-chairs for their initiative in organizing this very important consultation.

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