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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri,
President of the 55th Session of the General Assembly,
at the General Committee informal brainstorming session**

I think we have had a very good exchange of views and I would like to thank all delegations for their contribution. I have taken due note of all comments made.

As I mentioned yesterday this discussion served as launching the process and it is my intention now to continue consultations together with Ambassador Valdes.

I intent to arrange an informal meeting of the Plenary some time in March and in the meantime we will continue to consult Member States and major groups in order to prepare for that meeting. I will also, with the assistance of Ambassador Valdes, prepare a non-paper to facilitate our discussions at the meeting.

I would like to assure Member States that I will continue to work in full transparency and openness in order to keep the whole membership involved.

Finally let me stress that although we might differ in details, this should not hamper our work to achieve our common goal to enable the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative body of the UN to play its role effectively.