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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to thank all of you for your active engagement and contributions during the first thematic meeting dedicated to the role and authority of the General Assembly and its relationship to the other principal organs of the United Nations and other groups outside the United Nations which took place on 13 April.

We sincerely share your expressed appreciation to the President of the General Assembly H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss for his participation at the meeting and presenting his views on the role and authority of the General Assembly. The interactive discussion throughout the meeting has certainly contributed to the deliberations of our Group.

As we continue our activities in accordance with the programme of work, we would like to invite you to the next meeting which will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 28 April 2011 in the Conference Room 2 of the North Lawn Building at the UN Headquarters. There will be a due announcement posted in the UN Journal.

As previously indicated, we propose that this thematic meeting focuses on the question of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions and the agenda; working methods of the General Assembly, operational and technical issues including information on the General Assembly voting system, in the framework of the capital master plan.

Having taken into consideration relevant provisions of resolution A/64/301 and proposals by the delegations, we have asked the Secretariat to brief the Group on voting systems and balloting process, and on documentation, as well as on organizational aspects of high level meetings of the General Assembly, especially in September.

As far as the implementation of General Assembly resolutions, agenda and working methods of the General Assembly are concerned, we have invited the Chair of the Second Committee to share good practices and the lessons learned in streamlining agenda and working methods of the Second Committee during the UNGA 65th session with our Group during the meeting on 28 April. In paragraph 18 of resolution A/64/301 the Main Committees were requested to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the General Assembly.

We also note that besides our ad hoc Working Group various aspects at certain extent related to the revitalization of the General Assembly, for example, on consolidation of documentation and agendas, working methods and organization of work, are being discussed in other processes and groups, such as the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Procedural Questions of the Security Council, the process of the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/16 on Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. Sharing experience and lessons learned might be an effective and coherent way in achieving our common goals.

With this in mind, we have invited the Chair of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Procedural Questions of the Security Council to attend our meeting on 28 April.

If the delegations wish so and time allowing, chairs of other processes and groups could be invited to the future meetings of AHWG.

Following the discussion on the comprehensive review of the inventory items related to the role and authority of GA on 13 April, on 28 April we encourage you to continue the discussion and reflect on the implementation of the inventory items related to the topic of the meeting.

Please be advised that the delegations will be provided with further detail on the modalities of the meeting and related background documents through their experts. The delegations are encouraged to contact Ms. Nedra Miguel at the Permanent Mission of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Neddie_28@yahoo.com) and/or Ms. Rita Kazragiene at the Permanent Mission of Lithuania (rita.kazragiene@mfa.lt) in order to ensure proper mutual communication.

As ever, we would appreciate your active participation and look forward to an interactive, productive and constructive discussion on the above mentioned questions on 28 April.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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