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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the critical work of the Main Committees**

Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

Critical issues underpinning the work of the United Nations are being tackled by representatives of all Member States through the six committees of the UN General Assembly, starting from Monday, 3rd October 2011.

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, acknowledges the Committees' programme of work as an important signal of the UN's ongoing commitment to maintaining international peace and security, fostering friendly relations among nations, and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights.

President Al-Nasser commends all those working on these important issues and urges Member States to participate fully and constructively, to advance the objectives of the General Assembly.

He stresses the need for forging wider consensus and mobilising the collective will of Member States in addressing global challenges. "I call upon the representatives of all Member States to maintain a constructive, flexible and forward-looking approach during the period of work by the Committees and to find consensus in their deliberations, in a timely manner," says President Al-Nasser. "This is an opportunity to turn talk into action and advance the UN's work."

The President of the General Assembly has pledged his readiness and that of his Office, to provide any necessary support and assistance in order to ensure the smooth and successful conclusion of the work of all the Committees. "I will personally closely monitor and support the activities of these Committees, whenever required, to make the UN more effective" stressed President Al-Nasser.