

Distinguished Mr. President H.E. Ambassador Norachit Sinhaseni Excellences, Ladies, gentlemen, colleagues

I would like to thank the President of the General Assembly for his candid, thoughtful and inspirational speech.

I felt very privileged and honored last year to accept the nomination to co-chair this important Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization.

Nomination of my colleague with great experience and high diplomatic tact H.E. Norachit Sinhaseni makes me believe that we would be able to pick up the ball where it was left last year.

I do believe that we would be able to continue in the work, efforts and results achieved under the able chairmanship of H.E. Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil.

At this point it is appropriate to express our thanks and appreciation for his effort and dedication. He set the standards high, which is a good challenge for us.

But no result can be reached without our joint effort, will and courage to sail new seas, to reach new stars.

As many other issues, revitalization of the work of the United Nations is a cross cutting agenda. May have and certainly is having an influence on many aspects of our practical work. Resolution 67/297 adopted on August 29, 2013, together with Report and other documents are clearly giving Member States the mandate to discuss issues that, if agreed, may improve our everyday work. They may, if agreed, improve conditions for better, more complex preparation of member States for taking important

assure you that no idea, no suggestion will be left out unnoticed, and will be thoroughly considered and evaluated.

Today we start our work. Better say – we reflect and continue in the work of many of our colleagues. To achieve expected and well needed results we need an open, fair and intensive exchange of views. The discussion should be as complex and inclusive as possible. If we are to take and adopt any measures to improve our work and modernize the instruments, we should address general issues as well as specific concerns of all.

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