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## AGENDA ITEM 124:

"REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY"

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Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

- 1. The Delegation of Serra Leone notes the importance of the debate
- 2. My delegation associates with the Statement delivered by the Distinguished Representative of El Salvador on behalf of a Group of States, including Sierra Leone.
- 3. In recent years, the Sixth Committee has agreed to changes in its method of work, including the introduction of time limits in its plenary debates, save for the debate on the report of the International Law Commission, to enhance greater efficiency in its work.
- 4. However, given the mandate of the Sixth Committee, which is to make recommendations to the plenary of the United Nations

article 13 (1) (a) of the United Nations Charter; and also to address legal questions of pressing concern to the international community, my delegation has expressed disquiet over issues or creeping practices that may undermine legitimacy in international law-making process, through growing inconsistency in our method of work, cn

faith, that may lead to the absolute consensus practice of the Committee if not addressed.

5. The delegation of Serra Leone, noting the importance of the role of international law in maintaining the rules-based multilateral system, deems it as appropriate for the Committee to examine its working methods to safeguard the rules-based system, prevent a regress in the international order from rules-based to power-based, and enhance the role of the United Nations in this regard. Irrespective of the imperfections that may exist, the international legal order has provided important safeguards and further provided a more equitable landscape and level-playing field in international law norm setting.

this point, to take stock of such agenda items, and further rationalize these topics with the view to sequencing meaningful debate on them, and to act on the recommendations of the Commission as appropriate.

- 8. We also expressed the view that there is a need to examine the utility of the frequency of meetings on topics, to ensure adequate opportunity to engage on the substance of the products with the passage of time, particularly when the elaboration of a convention is recommended. The delegation of Sierra Leone is not advocating is urging for consistency, and by extension legitimacy in the work of the Sixth Committee.
- As we have said previously, this approach can only complement reestablishment of the Working Group on methods of work of the

Committee can best mirror the approach of examining our method of work to address the present challenges.

Chair,

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the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the resolution 58/316 the Sxth Committee can consider and take

encouraged by your excellent leadership, Chair, with the call to