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**Statement of H.E. Ms. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa,
President of the 61st Session of the General Assembly,
after the Adoption of General Assembly Resolution on Revitalization**

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The General Assembly has just adopted Resolution (61/292) on Revitalizing the role and authority of the General Assembly and Strengthening its performance. I commend all Member States for their support and cooperation throughout this process.

It gives me also great pleasure to congratulate the two Facilitators: Ambassador Badji, the Permanent Representative of Senegal; and Ambassador Bodini, the Permanent Representative of San Marino for their tireless efforts and dedication in leading the consultations on this important agenda item.

I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to the Facilitators for conducting wide-ranging consultations which provided the Membership an opportunity to convey their concerns and expectations on how best to revitalize the General Assembly.

The Resolution just adopted stresses the importance of implementing General Assembly resolutions on revitalization.

It is our common responsibility.

I am convinced that the report which will be submitted by the Secretary-General, pursuant to operative paragraph one, will assist Member States in this task. In this context, it should provide the ad-hoc working group, called for in operative paragraph two, the basis for its future deliberations.

I welcome this new step to strengthen the performance of the General Assembly, an objective to which I am personally attached. Based on my discussions with the President-elect, Dr. Kerim, I trust this matter will be given the full attention it deserves during the sixty-second session.

Thank You.