8 March 2012

Excellency,

I would like to refer to my letter on the 26 January 2012 on the appointment of co-chairs of the Ad hoc working group on General Assembly Revitalization.

As you are aware, I have adopted United Nations Reform and Revitalization as one of my four key priorities of action, through the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Indeed, the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the comprehensive reform of the UN.

More than ever before, events around the world necessitate a strong and responsive General Assembly. I invite you all to continue to act sincerely with a view to restore and enhance the role and authority of the General Assembly.

In this regard, I have the pleasure to include herewith a letter addressed to member states from H.E. Mrs. Susan Waffaa-Ogoo, Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Permanent representative of Georgia to the United Nations, charting the course forward with regard to this very important issue.

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank Ambassador Ogoo and Ambassador Lomaia for their sincere endeavours, and trust that you would continue to extend your full cooperation and support to the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
Excellency,

The President of the General Assembly appointed us as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly which was established by resolution 65/315. We are committed to perform this task with great responsibility and will spare no effort to promote confidence, spirit of cooperation and openness in the Group to achieve a fruitful and satisfying outcome. In this effort, we will strive to build on the results achieved by our predecessors Ambassador Camillo M. Gonsalves, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Ambassador Dalius Ėčukolys, Permanent Representative of Lithuania.

We would like to invite you to the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group which will take place from 3:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. on 27 March in a room to be announced in the UN Journal. At this meeting, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser will share his views on the role and authority of the General Assembly and the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

The Ad Hoc Working Group is open to all Member States and is mandated to "identify further ways to enhance the role, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions and evaluating the status of their implementation".

During our first meeting delegations will have an opportunity to share their general views on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations and enhancement of the role, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly. We would like to encourage your delegation to further develop its views and present concrete proposals on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly at the meeting of the Working Group on 27 March.

We would appreciate your delegation's active participation at this meeting and look forward to a productive and lively discussion.

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

H.E. Mr. Alexander Lomaia  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations

H.E. Mrs. Susan Waffa-Oggo  
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