

Germany

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Co-Chairs,

Germany fully aligns with the statement made by the EU.

Thank you very much again for your leadership and for guiding us through the discovery phase of this working group. At least for my delegation I can assure you: we have learnt a lot and we are grateful for the substantial exchanges you are facilitating here, dear Co-Chairs. Let me also thank all briefers who have made such valuable contributions and really gave us good food for thought.

Building on what we learnt in our last session about Mandate Review Mechanisms, I would like to make two points:

- 1) First, I think it is clear that we need to have better mandate review mechanisms across UN organs. The briefing session has also shown that there are already very good examples in the UN system we can learn from.



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Probably there is no one-fits-all-solution. Depending on the substance of the Mandate we need to define clear and objective criteria for its review. In that sense we thought the presentation by UNEP was particularly encouraging: The technical note by the secretariat that is being submitted for every draft resolution contains – among other very relevant information – clear indicators to measure the impact of the new mandate.

By the way, this technical note UNEP is submitting for draft resolutions is also quite a good orientation for a structure of the Mandatory Mandate Landscape briefing Germany suggested when discussing Mandate Creation a couple of weeks ago.

- 2) Second, we also discussed the retirement of Mandates in our last session. Part of the debate has to be on introducing more sunset clauses as we need to reduce the number of recurring mandates. The Security Council usually foresees clear end-dates in its mandates. On the other hand, only 14 % of all GA-mandates have instructions on review or termination. We should aim at increasing this number significantly. This could be done by establishing a “Mandatory Mandate Lifecycle Paragraph” for new and renewed mandates. Every resolution would then have to contain a section which clearly defines the intended future of the mandate. Member States would still be free in deciding whether that means a time-bound sunset clause, measurable goals, a regular review cycle, or something else.



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Co-Chairs, let me again thank you for your dedicated leadership. We are looking forward to your summary of the discovery phase and to the next phase of the working group.

I thank you.