



**MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE MÉXICO  
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS**

**JOINT STATEMENT ON THE MATTER OF REVITALIZATION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I have the honour to speak on behalf a cross-regional group comprising the following 48 countries: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States, and my own country, Mexico.

Mr. Chair,

The agenda item on revitalization of the Second Committee has not been active in recent years. Our countries believe the time to express our concerns clearly and openly on this Committee's working methods is now.

In 2015, our Heads of State and Government adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Many governments have already based their economic, social and environmental policies on this universal framework. The 2030 Agenda should be the anchor of the Second Committee.

Our countries believe the universal nature of the Second Committee is its most important value. In this room sit 193 Member States with 193 different realities – but we all need to work together to address the important issues that belong here. When we collectively engage in true negotiations, we can reach solutions through dialogue and understanding.

Mr Chair,

We have an overloaded programme of work. This poses a particular challenge to small delegations. This year we had 47 resolutions, the largest number in recent years. It is clear we continue to discuss issues that are no longer relevant at the expense of effectively addressing contemporary challenges.

Our countries have a preference for quality over quantity in this Committee. This means engaging in thorough, substantive, evidence-based negotiations. We call on the Second Committee to learn to transform itself as the world changes.

When new resolutions are presented, we should try to find the synergies they have with current agenda items. Many delegations questioned new items added to the agenda during this session owing to a genuine desire to focus on enriching our discussion overall. We strongly believe that creating space for emerging issues is our common responsibility.

We have reached a tipping point. A lack of progress on revitalization is no longer acceptable.

The Second Committee, if it is to achieve its full potential, must advance in tandem with the Secretary General's pursuit of ambitious reform of the UN, including of its development system. The UN needs to be fit for purpose in order to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

For this reason, Mr. Chair, we commend your interest in ensuring that we have a serious conversation on the matter of revitalization to guide any adoption of a provisional programme of work.



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Mr. Chair,

Let us build on the many existing efforts to rationalize our agenda, in order to ensure successful sessions in the years to come.

Please count on the full support of our delegations on the revitalization of the Second Committee. It should not be left behind.

We are ready to constructively engage in this much needed conversation; and we are ready to do so in the coming months. Our countries strongly encourage you to work with all Member States to create a platform that is fit for purpose.

Thank you.