



Malta Statement to the General Assembly – Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Delivered by H.E. Natasha Meli, Permanent Representative, 08 October 2026

President,

Malta aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and adds the following in its national capacity.

President,

Thirty-five years ago, a Maltese President of this very Assembly, Professor Guido de Marco, proposed that the revitalization of our work be placed on the agenda as a dedicated item. Malta's conviction remains unchanged: restoring trust in the UN begins with a General Assembly that is effective, inclusive and which delivers for all.

We thank Ambassadors Feruta and Williams for their sterling work as Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Strengthening and Revitalizing of the Work of the General Assembly. Resolution 79/327 will ultimately be judged by its implementation, and that responsibility rests with each and every one of us.

President, I will focus on three points.

The selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General shows what implementation and inclusivity can achieve. This year's process has been guided by resolution 79/327. The joint letter was issued early, information on candidates was shared with the membership in a timely manner, and rounds of interactive dialogues gave all Member States the opportunity to hear candidates. We thank the President of the eightieth session for her



work and support the current President of the General Assembly in carrying the continuation of this work forward.

These gains should be a foundation not a ceiling. In that spirit, we encourage the Security Council to ensure a transparent process, with timely information to the wider membership, as it moves towards its recommendation to this Assembly.

President,

We welcome reviews of working methods undertaken by the Main Committees. Our shared aim is a more focused agenda, better use of our time and resources, and greater attention to implementing what we have already agreed. As Vice-Chair of the Fourth Committee, Malta looks forward to contributing to these efforts.

Revitalization and the UN80 Initiative are mutually reinforcing. Malta supported resolution 80/251 on mandate creation, implementation and review. We thank the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Mandate Implementation Review for their work. The tools developed under that process can support the Committees in their own efforts, and coherence between the two tracks will be essential.

President,

Revitalization is a continuous effort. It is measured not only by the resolutions we adopt, but how we work together in this Hall and in our committee rooms. Time management is an important element. Malta stands ready to play its part, starting from the length of this statement.

I thank you.