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CONCEPT NOTE

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly Thematic Debate on the Working Methods of the General Assembly

Thursday, 25 April 2024, ECOSOC Chamber, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

In OP 35 of Resolution 77/335 of 1 September 2023, the General Assembly reaffirmed the need to continue to improve the working methods of the Main Committees and invited the Main Committees to further discuss their working methods and submit to the Ad Hoc Working Group written updates on progress achieved since the previous update aimed at improving the working methods of the Committees, including which recommendations from the AHWG were adopted.

Furthermore, in OP 35(b) the General Assembly invited the Chairs of Main Committees to continue to brief the AHWG on best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods and to brief their committees on practices from other committees that could be incorporated into their own working methods.

Consistent with this mandate, the Chairs of the Main Committees have been invited to participate as briefers during the second thematic debate on the Working Methods of the General Assembly, to present the efforts undertaken thus far to revitalize the working methods of their respective Committees.

The debate will provide the platform for Member States to have an in-depth exchange with the Chairs of the Main Committees and share their suggestions or comments on measures to further improve the working methods of the Committees and the General Assembly.

The thematic debate also provides the opportunity to take stock of the membership's determination to further rationalize the agenda of the General Assembly, including by the biennialization, triennialization or any other measures aimed at streamlining and decluttering the agenda of the General Assembly.

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The lists of speakers for the Thematic Debate is open for inscriptions in the e-Speakers module of e-deleGATE platform.