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President,

Liechtenstein has long taken an interest in the working methods of the Security Council. Given that, according to the Charter, the Council works on behalf of the Membership, we have a clear interest in the Council being able to fulfill its primary responsibility for peace and security. The Council's commitment to its methods of work must befit the life-and-death consequences of the products it adopts. We, as ever align with the statement delivered by [Switzerland] on behalf of the ACT Group.

President,

Since our last Open Debate on this topic, we have seen a continued downturn in the number of vetoes cast by the Council's Permanent Members. This being said, the most recent veto – cast on the ongoing crisis in the Strait of Hormuz – exemplifies the Council's dysfunction. On this ongoing crisis with worldwide effects, Council Members have been unable to commit to a course of action that looks beyond the short-term interests of Council Members, towards the needs of those suffering its consequences – whether through disruptions to global trade, food shortages, or humanitarian action. This is even the case when Council Members have sought cosponsorships from the wider Membership, only to fail to bring relevant texts to action. We are pleased to see

the General Assembly continuing to respond to vetoes through the Veto Initiative and encourage action as appropriate.

We also note that 11 Council Members are among the 130 signatories to the ACT Code of Conduct who have pledged to support timely and decisive action to prevent and end atrocity crimes. In addition, in last year's resolution on the revitalization of the General Assembly all Council Members decided "to support credible, timely and decisive action by the Security Council in exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security" and to "refrain from measures impeding action to prevent or end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes". Furthermore, we encourage all Council Members to clarify their approach to the application of the relevant part of Charter Article 27(3), as was agreed in the Pact for the Future.

President,

This year we face an unprecedented failure in the Council's ability to manage a whole area of its work – namely, to agree a distribution of work for its subsidiary bodies, including those overseeing the implementation of Security Council sanctions. This year's disagreement was not only fully preventable but has the potential to disrupt the work of the Council on an indefinite basis. We urge the relevant Council Members to find space for the necessary compromise.

President,

We are pleased to see the Council taking up its role in the selection and appointment process of the incoming Secretary-General and reiterate our hope that the process is concluded in the coming weeks in order to give the Secretary-General-elect sufficient time to prepare for their time in office. The Membership made a landmark agreement on the structure of this process in last year's resolution on the revitalization of the General Assembly, which should be upheld in full. The process should be guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, and inclusivity – something notably absent, for example, in the decision not to formally release the

results of its 'straw polls', instead relying on Members to immediately leak such results to the public. We encourage the Council to codify its role in the process through discussions in the Informal Working Group.

I thank you.