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Statement

by

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at the United Nations Security Council Open Debate on

Implementation of the note

by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507):

Working methods of the Security Council

New York, 28 June 2022

Mr. President,

1. Thank you for organizing this timely open debate as well as for your work as the Chair of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions. Our thanks also go to the briefers for their insights and constructive contributions.

2. This occasion, together with the General Assembly's debate on the Report of the Security Council earlier this month, reinforces the dialogue between the Council and the General Assembly and the general membership, with a view to supporting the effective working of the Council. We hope that the views and concerns expressed in this debate will help further enhance the work of the Council in implementing its mandates, while complementing the UN's whole-of-system approach in international peace and security as well as promoting the comprehensive reform of the Council.

Mr. President,

3. Thailand welcomes the efforts made by the Security Council in implementing measures as contained in the annex of the Note by the President of the Council No. S/2017/507, including during the pandemic. As the Security Council is conferred with the primary responsibility in the maintenance of international peace and security and act on behalf of the entire UN membership, we trust that, to this end, the Council can further strengthen its working methods in five areas:

4. **First, inclusive and timely information-sharing on the work of the Council remains key.** While we appreciate the need for balance between confidentiality and transparency, the Council's actions, or otherwise, have great impact. Not only do they establish the UN's collective response to conflict situations but they also shape the direction and tone of the public discourse and perception on the issues. It is therefore essential for the wider membership, in particular the affected States and concerned region, to have timely information on the matter under consideration. After all, they are the direct stakeholders.

5. Unfortunately, sometimes Member States encounter delays in being notified of the Council's latest developments, emergency meetings and concept notes of open debates.

6. Member States should therefore be involved in the process and be informed of the Council's work and related developments as much and as soon as possible. Such engagement contributes constructively to the Council's work.

7. Second, **the viewpoints and perspectives of developing countries should be a high priority in the Council's consideration.** As the majority of the Council's agendas involves situations in developing countries who are impacted the most by such conflicts, their views should be taken into account.

8. Within the Council, we note the increasing number of non-permanent members from developing countries entrusted with chairing respective committees of the Council. My delegation supports exploring ways for greater contributions of non-permanent members in the penholdership and other roles.

9. Third, **partnerships with countries in affected regions and regional organizations are crucial to promoting sustainable peace and stability.** While the Council is engaged with the global ramifications of issues, attention should not be diverted away from the concerns at the regional level and the possible effect on the paths to recovery from the pandemic and longer-term development of the countries in the affected region. And in this increasingly inter-dependent world, no one region's situation is more or less important than another.

10. Fourth, with the strong inter-linkages between various global crises affecting humanity and the inherent peace-development-governance nexus in most conflict situations, it is more important than ever that the **Council work in "increased coordination, cooperation and interaction" with other UN bodies, in particular the General Assembly, the ECOSOC, and the Peacebuilding Commission.** Such interaction can be mutually reinforcing and complementary and should be in accordance with the Charter.

11. Fifth and lastly, while the provisional rules of procedure of the Council allow flexibility in the work of the Council, **adopting permanent rules of procedure would bring about greater predictability and transparency of the Council.** With 11 amendments and numbers of documents supplementing the working methods, the Council could better function with standing rules in place.

12. Thank you, Mr. President.
