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**Statement**

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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**

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Mr. President,

1. I wish to congratulate Albania for assuming the Presidency of the Council for the month of September and to thank Your Excellency for prioritising the issue of improving the working methods of the Council in its very first meeting of this month. Our congratulations also go to the United States for the successful Presidency of the Council in August.
2. As the international community contemplates on how best to overcome the challenges of this generation and how best to chart the direction of multilateralism for future generations, it cannot overlook its foremost instrument to attain all this, and that is the Security Council.
3. At the best of times, a united and effective Council can avert humanitarian disasters stemming from conflict and indeed even prevent or resolve conflict. So it is always beneficial to work towards an effective and united Security Council. Because such a Council is at the heart of the UN's core mission, namely, the maintenance of international peace, security and stability, and a vital pillar of effective multilateralism.
4. Now although reform of the UN Security Council will involve many aspects, improvement of the working methods of the Council is an endeavour that can generate potential quick wins – wins that will help ensure greater effectiveness, promote greater transparency and endow greater legitimacy to the Council's actions. And this is a win for everyone.
5. Thailand thus welcomes the efforts made by the Security Council in implementing measures contained in the "Note 507" (*Note by the President of the Security Council No. S/2017/507*). We support the ongoing efforts of the Informal Working Group (IWG) of the Security Council on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, to ensure full implementation of the Note and other subsequent documents.
6. And we welcome the IWG's first annual report released earlier this year under the Chairmanship of Albania. It is our hope that the views expressed in this debate will help further enhance the work of the Council in carrying out its mandate.
7. In this connection, there are five points that I wish to underscore.
8. First, it is essential for the wider membership of the UN to be involved in the process and be informed of the Council's work and related developments as much and as soon as possible.

9. Partnerships with countries in affected regions and relevant regional organisations are crucial for peace across the entire continuum -- from prevention, response and resolutions of conflict, to peacebuilding and sustainable development in order to cement sustainable peace. As such, the voices and wisdom of the affected region must be taken into account, always.

10. Second, as the majority of the Council's agenda involves situations in developing countries, their viewpoints and perspective should be a high priority in the Council's deliberation. This should be complemented by inclusive and timely information-sharing on the work of the Council to enable non-Council members to express their views and take part effectively in the Council's consideration.

11. Third, the United Nations and its relevant bodies should work in synergy in facing the current geopolitical tensions and interlocking challenges. As sustaining peace must be anchored on the promotion of human security and sustainable development, the Council should aim towards increasing its coordination, cooperation and interaction with the General Assembly, the ECOSOC, and the Peacebuilding Commission.

12. The Council should also take forward the views and recommendations of the General Assembly on the Council's working methods. Member States have called for, among others, greater interactions between the two bodies, including the request for the Council's substantive and analytical annual report for increased transparency and accountability to the General Assembly, a request that has yet to be implemented.

13. Fourth, we welcome the initiative of the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform in conveying Member States' inputs on improving the Council's working methods through the Co-Chairs' Note and regular dialogue with the Chair of the IWG. We hope that the Council pay due attention in implementing them.

14. And finally fifth, while Note 507 and relevant processes attempt to consolidate the Council's working methods and allows flexibility for further adjustment, the Council should continue to work towards adopting permanent rules of procedure for greater predictability and transparency of its work.

15. In closing, we sincerely hope that the wins generated by improvement in the working methods of the Council will pave the way towards a more effective, reformed and united Council in the future, and therefore a more effective multilateralism, which is in all our interests.

16. Thank you, Mr. President.

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