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Statement

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The Declaration for the Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of
the United Nations**

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Good afternoon Excellencies, colleagues, distinguished Co-Facilitators

1. Congratulations on your appointments to steer this important proceeding and thank you for sharing the ‘food for thought’ paper as an impetus for this first informal exchange. We pledge our support during the course of these consultations with the aim of achieving a declaration that meaningfully reaffirms our commitment to multilateralism and the rules-based multilateral system. This declaration should be concise but ambitious, with a deliberate and progressive focus.
2. As a Small Island Developing State St. Vincent and the Grenadines is an advocate of the important role of a functioning multilateral system which help states, such as ours, combat challenges that cannot be solved in isolation, this is even more important if we are to succeed in crafting the more sustainable future we have collectively envisioned in the 2030 Agenda. All member states must therefore renew their commitment and recognize the value of strengthening the system.
3. In commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations, though we acknowledge the achievements of the past, we are mindful of the fact that it is even more important to ensure that the stage is appropriately set for the fulfillment of the ‘future we want’ and for addressing the development needs of future generations. It will be necessary to cohesively address these challenges that may only be dimly understood now, in an inclusive manner. This exercise requires foresight and an action-oriented approach.
4. We therefore firmly believe that when considering how the United Nations can respond to global challenges, it will be necessary to acknowledge the nexus of development and peace and security and reflect the need for cooperative action among the various organs of the UN in order to combat how the impacts of critical transnational issues such as Climate Change will affect livelihoods and security prospects around the globe.
5. Additionally, we must address the effectiveness of the Security Council itself, as one of the most far-reaching organs of the UN.

6. As the organ with the main mandate for upholding peace and security the Security Council has to be more representative, accountable and efficient in its operations to maintain legitimacy in a changing world.

7. In this regard, we believe that the declaration should re-emphasize the call made by World Leaders at the 2005 World Summit for “early reform of the Council”, as part of the process of reinvigorating the functioning of global governance. Such a milestone cannot be justifiably excluded as it is an indispensable aspect of any effort to reform the United Nations.

8. In closing, Co-Facilitators, this declaration presents a prime opportunity for setting forth a forward thinking framework that inspires impetus for future action, and we look forward to hearing and discussing proposals that could really set the tone for not just a decade of accelerated action but lead us to a centenary of better, tangible outcomes for the world’s peoples, wherever they reside. Thank you.