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**STATEMENT BY THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE 75TH SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MYRIAM OEHRI**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

This year marked an extraordinary session of the Third Committee due to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the result of constructive consultations with delegations prior to the session, the Third Committee agreed on working modalities to ensure its functioning in extraordinary circumstances. The pragmatic hybrid format consisting of in person and virtual meetings proved to be efficient and appropriate.

We can be proud of ourselves that we were able to successfully and timely conclude the Committee's anniversary session. With that we have ensured business continuity of the United Nations, and we have reaffirmed our commitment to multilateralism and international cooperation which are all the more relevant in times of crisis and indispensable to effectively respond to global challenges.

Mr. President,

It is an honour for me today to introduce to the General Assembly the reports of the Third Committee on the agenda items allocated to it by the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session,

namely items 27, 28, 63, 67 to 72, 111 to 113, 126 and 142.

The reports, contained in documents A/75/470 to A/75/483, include the texts of draft proposals recommended to the General Assembly for adoption.

For the convenience of delegations, a checklist of action taken in the Committee has been prepared by the Secretariat as contained in document A/C.3/75/INF/1, in English only.

During the main part of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Third Committee held fifteen plenary meetings and adopted a total of fifty draft resolutions, nineteen of which were adopted by recorded vote, and one draft decision. Pursuant to the organization of work adopted at its first meeting held on 5 October 2020, and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the working arrangements for its seventy-fifth session, the Committee also convened twenty-nine virtual informal meetings to hear introductory statements and hold interactive dialogues on the agenda items.

Under agenda item 27 entitled "Social development", and its sub-items (a) to (c), the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 26 of document A/75/470, the adoption of five draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 28 entitled "Advancement of women", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 80 of document A/75/471, the adoption of six draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 63 entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 17 of document A/75/472, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 67 entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 12 of document A/75/473, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 68 entitled “Promotion and protection of the rights of children”, and its sub-items (a) and (b), the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 33 of document A/75/474, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 69 entitled “Rights of indigenous peoples”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/75/475, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 70 entitled “Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”, including its sub-items (a) and (b), the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 23 of document A/75/476, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 71 entitled “Right of peoples to self-determination”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 19 of document A/75/477, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under the chapeau of agenda item 72 entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”, the Third Committee wishes to advise the Assembly that no action was required under the item.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 72 entitled “Implementation of human rights instruments”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/75/478/Addendum 1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 72 entitled “Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 89 of document A/75/478/Addendum 2, the adoption of fifteen draft resolutions.

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 72 entitled “Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 39 of document A/75/478/Addendum 3, the adoption of five draft resolutions.

Under sub-item (d) of agenda item 72, entitled “Comprehensive implementation of and follow-

up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”, the Third Committee wishes to advise the Assembly that no action was required under the item.

Under agenda item 111 entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 20 of document A/75/479, the adoption of four draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 112 entitled “Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes”, the Third Committee wishes to advise the Assembly that no action was required under the item.

Under agenda item 113 entitled “International drug control”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 10 of document A/75/481, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 126 entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of document A/75/482, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 142 entitled “Programme planning”, the Third Committee wishes to advise the Assembly that no action was required under the item.

Mr. President,

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the commendable wise leadership of our Chair, Her Excellency Katalin Bogyay, Permanent Representative of Hungary, and to thank her and her expert Magdolna Pongor for their extraordinary commitment. I furthermore wish to thank my other fellow Bureau members, namely the Vice-Chairs, Ms. Ahlem Sara Charikhi of Algeria, Ms. Pilar Eugenio of Argentina and Mr. Khaled Mohammed AlManzlawiy of Saudi Arabia for their great cooperation

I would further like to thank, on behalf of the Bureau, the Secretary of the Committee, Ziad

Mahmassani and his very able team from DGACM for the excellent support and guidance provided to the Bureau and to delegations, as well as the other offices in the Secretariat that supported the work of the Committee.

Finally, I am grateful to all Third Committee experts for their cooperation, constructive spirit, friendship and support to the Bureau. I wish to thank my colleagues from the WEOG for their trust and support in my role.

In a year of unprecedented challenges, together we have shown the world our steadfast commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and that the respect for human rights needs to be ensured at all times. In this regard, and in my personal capacity, I wish to thank all the brave human rights defenders who stand up for human rights every single day and inspire us to do the same.

I thank you, Mr. President.