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HOW TO BEGIN A STATEMENT

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HOW TO BEGIN STATEMENTS DELIVERED DURING THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE A

[After the Chair gives you the floor all delegates should begin their statement by saying:]

“Thank you Mr. Chair,

Director-General, Excellencies, Colleagues, distinguished delegates,”

The following examples are taken from real statements in Committee A to give you an idea of how real UN diplomats begin their statements.

Example 1a [If speaking on behalf of a group continue by identifying the name of the group you are speaking on behalf of:]

“I am delivering this statement on behalf of Eastern Mediterranean Region. I would like to thank the Director-General for his report. After a challenging and highly intense process experienced by all delegations we have reached the conclusions of our discussions and negotiations.”

OR, start with identifying your country and who you are speaking on behalf of.

“Ethiopia is pleased to deliver on behalf of the 47 M of the African Region. The African Region takes note of the Director-General reports on...”

Example 2a [If speaking on behalf of an individual government continue with the name of your country and add your statement:]

“The United Kingdom welcomes the Director-General report on [insert topic]. We strongly support...”

OR, start with the topic and then shift to your country’s history dealing with the issue.

“Recognizing the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal on Universal Health Coverage, the Bahamas began its journey to Universal Health Coverage amid a global and local trend of inadequate coverage for essential health services and massive out of pocket health expenditures.”

[All statements should end by saying “Thank you.”]

NOTE: do not begin your statement by using the words “Honourable Delegates”. This is a term is used in Parliamentary form and the UN is not a Parliament.

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