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**Update on the UN80 Initiative  
Informal meeting of the plenary, 79th session**



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## **General Assembly: Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on the UN80 Initiative – 79th session**

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**ABOUT:** On 11 March 2025, the UN Secretary General launched the [UN80 Initiative](#) to ensure the UN remains effective, cost-efficient and responsive to the People it serves. He undertook to consult closely and regularly on the progress made. This briefing provided an opportunity for the Secretary-General to present the report of the [mandate implementation review](#). You can watch the full recording of the plenary [here](#).

### **KEY RESOURCES:**

- [Full session recording](#)
- [Press release on the mandate report](#)
- [UN80 Initiative](#)
- [Letter by the President of the General Assembly](#)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In an era marked by geopolitical turbulence, austerity measures, and uncertainty, and with the upcoming 80th anniversary of the United Nations, the Organization is undertaking a transformative UN80 Initiative to position the organization for maximum effectiveness, agility, and impact. The UN80 Initiative is a response to the need for a modern, coordinated, and fit-for-purpose UN system.

Anchored in three interconnected workstreams, the initiative is focused on:

1. Driving efficiencies and operational improvements across the Secretariat and broader UN system;
2. Reviewing the implementation of existing mandates, with the aim of simplifying, streamlining, and better aligning resources with outcomes;
3. Exploring structural changes and program realignment to consolidate efforts, eliminate duplication, and reduce costs.

The mandate implementation review seeks to analyze how the UN carries out mandates from Member States, without revisiting the mandates themselves. Early findings underscore inefficiencies and duplication, with significant opportunity for reform.

Since 1946, mandates included in over 40,000 resolutions have shaped the work of the United Nations, guiding its global impact and directly supporting more than 440 million people each year. In response to Member States' calls for a more agile, effective, and coherent UN, the Secretary-General's new report on mandate implementation review examines systemic challenges in how mandates are created, delivered, and reviewed.

As part of the UN80 Initiative's second workstream, and in line with General Assembly resolution 79/318, the report proposes ways to strengthen mandate processes while fully respecting that mandates remain the responsibility of Member States. Addressing these issues is essential to ensure the UN remains responsive, coherent, and fit for purpose in a rapidly changing world.