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Statement
by Mr. Serhii Yarovyi,
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at the Fifth Committee of the 66th Session of the United Nations General
Assembly on the item 138 "Scale of Assessments for the apportionment of the
expenses of the United Nations"

Mr. Chairman,

First of all the Delegation of Ukraine would like congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election and wish you every success in your work.

Past negotiations have confirmed that the scale of assessments is one of the most disputable issues of the Fifth Committee. Delegation of Ukraine as many other delegations believes that fair, balanced and depoliticized approach is needed towards this important issue in order to reach a consensus.

Our Delegation hopes that during the consideration of this issue, distinguished delegates will avoid political dialogue and Committee's work will be held in meaningful and constructive manner.

In Resolution 64/248 adopted in December 2009 we agreed to review, at the earliest opportunity, all elements of the methodology of the scale of assessments. I would like to mention that under the reviewing process Delegation of Ukraine first off all implies how to ensure the best use and implementation of the existing methodology and its elements which were submitted during previous years.

Ukraine reaffirms that the capacity to pay should remain a basic principle for the methodology of the future scales of assessments. In this regard, our Delegation stresses that the scale of assessments should be based on the most current, comprehensive and comparable data available for the Gross National Income.

In time when almost every country is trying to cope with enduring impact of the global financial crisis we should try to avoid artificial revision of the scale of assessments. The Committee should exert every effort to make the scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations more balanced and transparent.

Under conditions of the significant changes of GNI of states with its largest levels the other states's rates of contributions are also influenced irrespective of their ability to pay. With this in mind the Committee should work over the possibility to establish within the frame of scale methodology a mechanism which would provide an opportunity to avoid considerable changes of states's assessments.

In conclusion, Mr.Chairman, let me reassure you that Ukraine is ready to engage actively and constructively in the further dialogue on this important issue.

I thank you.