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Mr. Chairman,

We convey our profound appreciation to you, Ambassador Miguel Berger, for your able leadership to the Fifth Committee.

2. We thank the Fifth Committee Bureau for its hard work in presenting the programme of work. It is a difficult undertaking, considering the important agenda items that were deferred from the Main session of the Committee. In this regard, Pakistan wishes to underline the provisional nature of the programme of work and our expectation that the Bureau, as in the past, will amend it throughout the session to reflect the progress made in the negotiations in keeping with the traditional practice in the Committee.

3. Our felicitations also to the new Chairman of the ACABQ, Mr. Carlos RUIZ MASSIEU of Mexico, on his election. The Advisory Committee has an important responsibility, and we are confident that the Committee under the leadership of its new Chairperson will continue to work diligently in producing timely and qualitative reports.

Mr. Chairman,

4. The Pakistan delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the Permanent Representative of Fiji, on behalf of Group of 77 and China. I take this opportunity to congratulate Fiji for assuming the Chairmanship of my Group, G-77 and China.

5. During the main part of 67th session, the Fifth Committee was obliged to defer some important agenda items, particularly the Human Resources Management Reforms, despite achieving considerable progress. Pakistan sincerely hopes that all delegations and stakeholders would display flexibility and political will to develop a broad based consensus, during this session. To save valuable time, negotiations must begin from where we had left them off.

6. We urge the Bureau to continue to work closely with their constituencies on the Committee's organizational matters. It is imperative that decisions with regard to the timelines for the conclusion of the informal consultations and the deferral of non time-bound agenda items be taken in an open, transparent and inclusive manner. There are established practices and institutional memory to guide the work of the Bureau in this regard. In this connection, the Chair of the Committee has an important role in allocating adequate time to each agenda item, taking into account its significance and complexity.

Mr. Chairman,

7. You would recall that during the fall session, the Committee was constrained to deal with some important issues such as Performance Report and the Budget Outline, at the eleventh hour. This was mainly due to the perennial issue of late submission of reports. These delays impact adversely on the quality of General Assembly's resolutions, our deliberations, and the overall organization of work of the Committee. We request that reports and documents are presented on time for the Committee's due diligence.

Mr. Chairman,

8. In the coming days, Pakistan would constructively engage on all agenda items. However, our special focus would be on the Secretary General's Report on the Senior Advisory Group, Review of Efficiency viz-à-viz, Accountability and the budget of UN partnerships.

9. The heavy agenda that we have to deal with calls for flexibility, compromise and understanding by all. We assure you of our full cooperation and constructive engagement in the work of the Committee, according to its programme of work and within the allocated time.

Mr. Chairman,

10. To conclude, allow me to make clear the wish of my delegation to work with you and all members of the Fifth Committee in a spirit of constructive cooperation, consensus and collegiality. This would allow us to understand the views and concerns of one another as we proceed, and enable us to reach tangible results at the end of the forthcoming session.

Thank you