

Statement on behalf of the member states of MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, Australia)

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia which are the five member states of MIKTA.

We are making a joint statement on this occasion while remaining faithful to our respective groupings since MIKTA countries come from different traditional negotiating groups in the context of the 5th committee.

Mr. Chairman,

2. At the outset, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your tireless efforts and able leadership to lead the work of this committee to a successful conclusion. Let us also thank the Bureau and the Secretary of the Committee and her team, as well as other members of the Secretariat who have provided assistance to the Committee during this session, for their valuable support.
3. We are glad to see that as a result of intensive negotiations and joint efforts of all Member states, the Committee reached agreement on most outstanding issues by consensus. We value the tradition of working towards consensus in the 5th committee and reiterate that dialogue, partnership and agreement are the most effective way to guarantee sustainability of this deliberative body, particularly the 5th committee. The outcomes of our negotiations will ensure that peacekeeping missions are provided with the necessary financial resources to continue the implementation of their mandates.
4. However, Mr. Chairman, we have also observed that the current session ran over time by more than three weeks, against the scheduled time initially agreed. We had similar experiences last year. This recurring practice reminds us of the importance and urgency of improving the working methods of the 5th committee. In this regard, we again welcome the 5th committee Chair's initiative of engaging in working methods reform. MIKTA member states assure you of our common interest in this matter and of our readiness to engage constructively in forthcoming discussions on the improvement of working methods.

Mr. Chairman

5. We would like to take an opportunity to express our views on this issue.

We believe that it is of the utmost importance to enhance the collective accountability of all stakeholders particularly the Member States, the Secretariat and the Bureau of the 5th committee, in support of the improvement of our working methods.

To support this aim, we suggest setting a firm deadline for each session, and which all of us should stick to. This deadline will help us to commit to more efficient and effective negotiations within the established and agreed time-frame which will, in turn, lead to more desirable outcomes.

We are going to put forward other suggestions through MIKTA as well as our respective groupings for improving the working methods of the 5th committee in due course during coming discussions.

Mr. Chairman,

6. In closing, since this session would be the last formal one in your term of chairmanship, we reiterate our deep appreciation for your leadership and what you have achieved. We hope that the working methods initiative also could be further addressed under your able leadership and guidance, before you conclude your term.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.