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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to commend your responsible Chairmanship and work of other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat, whose tremendous contribution is critical for the work of this committee.

My delegation would like to draw the members' attention that Ukraine regardless provoked security challenges and acute economic situation consistently takes and will take measures to fulfill its financial obligations to the UN budgets. In order to further support healthy financial situation of the UN System our country is in the process to pay in full its current assessments.

When it comes to Ukraine's arrears to the budgets of peacekeeping operations we would like to recall that practically all amounts of Ukraine's significant outstanding contributions to PKOs stems from arrears of the closed peacekeeping missions prior to 1996.

With regards to the **General Assembly Decision 49/470 of 23 December 1994** "...any arrears of Ukraine as at 1 January 1995 and for 1995 in the financing of peacekeeping are considered as being due to conditions beyond its control (and accordingly the question of the applicability of Article 19 of Charter of the UN in this respect wouldn't arise)".

However, during recent years Ukraine being a responsible UN Member State regularly paid a considerable amount of contributions to reduce abovementioned arrears.

Therefore one can note the positive dynamics in gradual reduction of Ukraine's arrears to the PKOs budgets. At the end of 2011 - beginning 2012 Ukraine reduced \$ 4,2 mln. of its debt to the budgets of closed PKOs, that more than two times exceeds our common annual contribution to the budgets of current PKOs.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.