

Mr. Chairman

I would like to speak in my National Capacity on agenda item 136. Improving the financial situation of the UN.

As this is the first time I am taking the floor, I would like to express my delegation's full support to you, Mr. Chairman, and the new bureau members I have the opportunity to personally work with. My delegation is confident in your abilities to navigate this committee to a successful resolution of our work in a timely and consensual fashion.

I would like to thank Under Secretary-General Takasu for his informative and important presentation on the financial situation of the United Nations.

My delegation is especially proud to note, as Mr. Takasu mentioned in his presentation last week, that Israel has paid in full all its assessments for the Regular Budget, Peacekeeping Operations, the International Tribunals and the Capital Master Plan.

The State of Israel has for the last few years been part of a small group of member states that have consistently paid all their assessments fully and on time. For Israel it is a matter of policy, one we do not take for granted. These efforts have been part of a larger government decision to become more pro-active on issues of budget and administration in the United Nations and to add our unique point of view to the deliberations of this committee and to the subsequent resolutions that are decided upon.

Mr. Chairman,

In this committee we often delve deep into financial figures, however the fiscal responsibility of member states is only half of the equation.

We can all agree that there are various structural and substantial challenges in the edifice that is the United Nations. We believe that the resources provided to the organization by Member States must be effectively managed and fittingly prioritized, in order to ensure that the demands of the full range of global peace, security and development challenges can be met.

It is our responsibility as Member states to provide the essential funding for this organization to deliver on its mandate but also, and let me be clear, making sure that these mandates are in line with its charter and values without prejudice, bias or partiality.

Mr. Chairman

The delegation of Israel looks forward to doing its part to find consensus, common ground and collegiality in our mutual way forward in this committee.

As a delegation we look forward to standing up for those values, speaking out on various issues of importance including the proposed programme budget 2016-2017, the Second Performance for the 2014-2015 budget and the ICT Strategy among other issues to be discussed in this session.

Israel looks forward to working closely with the Secretariat and all Member States to achieve our common goal of building a UN that is responsive to global challenges.

Thank you Mr. Chairman