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Mr. Chairman,

Let me at the outset congratulate you and all members of the Bureau for your election. You can count on the support of Algeria.

My delegation aligns itself with statements delivered by the distinguished representative of south-Africa on behalf of the group of G77 and China and the distinguished delegate of Tanzania on behalf of the African Group.

We would like to thank the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions Mr. Bernardo GREVIER, for introducing the report of the Seventy-fifth session of the Committee on Contribution, contained in document (A/70/11). we also thank Mr. Lionelito BERRIDGE , Chief Contributions and Policy Coordination Service, for introducing the report of the Secretary General on multi-years payment plans contained in document (A/70/69).

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation reaffirms the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization of the Unites Nations shall be apportioned according to the capacity to pay. We also emphasize the need to maintain the core elements of the current methodology of the scale of assessment such as Base period, Gross National Income, Conversion rates, Low per capita income adjustment, Gradient, Floor, Ceiling for LDCs and Debt stock adjustment.

Having said that, my delegation recalls that the current maximum assessment, the 22% ceiling in the current methodology, which has been fixed as a political compromise, is contrary to the principle of "Capacity to pay".

While we recognize and value the important work undertaken by the committee on contribution in advising the fifth committee on the technical aspects of the item under consideration, my delegation stresses the need to treat in a balanced and comprehensive manner the different elements of the methodology. In this regard, we note that the submitted report devoted a significant part of the analysis to some elements on the expense of the rest.

Mr. Chairman,

The organizations that benefit from enhanced statute of Observer, with special privileges and rights, including the right to speak in the GA debate and the right of reply should equally be called for a fair contribution to the budget of the Organization.

We would like to highlight that the discussions on this item should be conducted in a open, inclusive and transparent manner to engage in a constructive dialogue in order to achieve a timely and consensual conclusion.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.