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Mr. Chairman,

1. Since this is my first time taking the floor at this 70th session, let me begin by extending my warm congratulations to you on your assumption of your chairmanship of the Fifth Committee. I am confident that this session will achieve a fruitful outcome under your able leadership. We also thank the Secretariat and the Bureau for their diligent and invaluable support for the Committee's work.

2. The 70th session of the Fifth Committee marks particular significance. The Committee's agenda is especially long and heavy, including many important and complex items. Completing our programme of work within the agreed deadline with meaningful achievements in our hands will require all Member States' cooperation, open-mindedness, and the spirit of working towards consensus.

Mr. Chairman,

3. At this very first formal meeting of the main part of the 70th session, my delegation would like to provide our 3 basic positions on some of the main agendas of the Committee.

4. First, the current methodology for the scale of assessments has been put in place for the past 15 years since the year of 2000. My delegation is of the view that the scale of assessment should reflect Member States' capacity to pay in an equitable and sustainable manner. In this context, I believe that we need to carefully address the adjustment factors, namely the debt-burden adjustment (DBA) and the low per capita income adjustment (LPCIA), that often lead to the discontinuity between the countries' capacity to pay and the scale of assessment.

5. Secondly, the Secretary-General proposed \$5.57 billion dollars before recosting for the 2016-17 biennium regular budget. This is slightly higher by \$10 million dollars than the 2016-17 budget outline level that the Committee agreed last December of 2014. We view this effort from the Secretary-General to pursue financial efficiency of the Organization positively. However, we need to continue to pursue efficiency and effectiveness in examining the effects of the newly adopted mandates on the actual expenditure level during this 70th session. This includes, mainly, the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the report of the High-level Independent Panel on UN Peace Operations, and other human rights resolutions. In this regard, we look forward to seeing the improved efficiency of the Organization with the implementation of IPSAS and Umoja.

6. Lastly, my delegation welcomes the report of the International Civil Service Commission on common system (document A/70/30). Noting the fact that 70% of the United Nations' regular budget is spent on staff cost, we appreciate the efforts put in place to review and improve the existing payroll systems of the UN employees. My delegation will constructively engage in this topic, taking into account of the budgetary and managerial efficiencies of the Organization.

Mr. Chairman,

7. My delegation would also like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of keeping the spirit of consensus as well as pursuing efficiency to complete our work within the scheduled time-frame. My delegation is ready to work with all the other delegations in a constructive and a positive manner to achieve meaningful and successful outcome for this session.

I thank you Mr. Chairman. /End/