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Agenda Item 134: PBI for modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global  
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

I would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, the Chairman of the ACABQ for their presentations.

It is critical that PBI statements represent the intents and the spirit of the draft resolutions on which they are based.

In the example we have before us, the Secretary-General has proposed resources for staff travel, consultants, and the travel of experts that the United States finds excessive. Excesses such as these can reflect poorly on the United Nations and its member states, and they open the Organization to criticisms of being overly focused on conducting meetings as opposed to delivering on mandates.

My delegation notes that the ACABQ has begun the process of responsibly trimming some of the concerning proposals in the PBI statement; however, additional streamlining is necessary.

The United States looks forward to adopting the modalities resolution for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly, and regular migration.

To that end, my delegation will engage on this issue constructively in this Committee with all stakeholders to address these concerns to ensure that the outcome matches the intents and spirit of the draft resolution.

Thank you.