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Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Madam Chair,

- Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this important issue of concern to us all. I would also like to thank Mr. Victor Kisob for his presentation on the note by the Secretary General, as well as Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the ACABQ for the introduction of their report contained in document A/70/961. The EU MS recognize the challenges faced by the Secretariat in the implementation of the new compensation package for staff in the Professional and higher categories.

- We are therefore encouraged by the confirmation just given that a solution to this problem has been identified, which respects the implementation dates mandated by the General Assembly, and also limits the need to conduct recalculation of payments to the staff. We trust this can be done in the most efficient and effective manner. In this context we would like to stress the importance of maintaining coherence among United Nations common system organizations.
- In view of the foregoing, we trust the Secretary-General will ensure that the implementation of the new compensation package is in full compliance with the mandated effective dates set out in Assembly resolution 70/244. The EU MS also underline the importance of keeping staff fully informed of developments.

Madam Chair,

- Finally, let me express our commitment to play a constructive role in the discussions on this important issue.

I thank you, Madam Chair.