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Madam Chair,

First and foremost, at the conclusion of the first resumed session, I would like to express my congratulations for the work we have achieved during this session.

My delegation has been positively engaged in the negotiations under all of the agenda items in a constructive manner, showing necessary flexibility throughout. We are glad also to see the constructive engagement and flexibility of the other Member States as well, leading us to the conclusion of this session on time. I very much hope that this spirit continues through the remainder of the year.

My delegation would like to thank all the coordinators who successfully facilitated the negotiations to their conclusion. While acknowledging each other's differences in the negotiations, we are respectful to each other and have explored earnestly the common grounds on which all sides are able to stand together.

Madam Chair,

The second resumed session begins in just a few weeks from today. My delegation would like to encourage our further collaborative efforts toward an adequate and full consideration of all the agenda items related to peacekeeping, for which my delegation attaches great importance to ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources and cost-saving measures.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chair, the other bureau members, and the representatives of the Secretariat for their work. I hope all my colleagues will enjoy a well-deserved weekend, and we look forward to a productive second resumed session.

I thank you, Madam Chair.