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**Statement by Counsellor Guo Xuejun of the
Permanent Mission of China to the UN, on
Organization of Work at the 71st Session
of the Fifth Committee**

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Madam Chairperson,

The Chinese delegation would like to congratulate you on your assumption of the chairmanship of the Fifth Committee and thank the Bureau and the Secretariat for the organizational work carried out. We expect that under your guidance, the work of this committee will be crowned with success.

China associates itself with the statement made by Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and is ready to work with other member states to ensure the smooth completion of this committee's consideration of its agenda.

We expect that the 5th committee will continue to provide strong backing to the UN's effort to implement its mandates, especially to ensure adequate and predictable financial resources for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We also hope that our committee will formulate a reasonable budget outline for the 2018-2019 biennium.

We hope that member states will continue to work with the Secretariat to improve the planning, formulation and implementation of the budget, strictly follow budgetary discipline and improve efficiency in order to put to good use every cent contributed by the taxpayers of member states.

We call on member states to embrace the spirit of partnership characterized by democratic consultation and win-win cooperation, and reach consensus on various items while accommodating each other's concerns. It is particularly necessary to continue the good practice of the 70th session of completing the consideration of all items allotted to us within the preset timeframe.

The problem of late issuance of documents remains for this session with documents under most items not yet submitted to member states. In this respect, we hope to see an expedition of work on the part of the Secretariat and the ACABQ.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.