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Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations:
Ensuring a better future for all**

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Mr. Chairman,

As my delegation takes the floor for the first time, I wish to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the Fifth Committee. We look forward to working with you and the other members of the Bureau during this session. We are confident that under your leadership, the Fifth Committee will achieve consensus on all the important issues facing us at this session.

I thank the Secretary-General for introducing his report on “Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: ensuring a better future for all”. I likewise thank the Chairperson of the ACABQ for introducing the Committee’s report.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the Permanent Representative of Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the statement made by the Permanent Representative of Singapore on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

The ambitious vision of the 2030 Agenda challenges the UN to reorganize itself so that it can exercise its full capacity to support Member States in achieving the goals.

In this regard, I would like to emphasize that the management reform needs to be seen as part and parcel with the other pillars, namely the peace and security architecture and repositioning of the UNDS.

Indonesia appreciates Secretary General’s effort in providing his overview on plans and proposals to shift the management paradigm in the United Nations.

The Secretary-General’s proposed changes to transform the Organization and efforts to address challenges faced by the UN provide much food for thought.

In this connection, Indonesia has some observations that we hope can be constructive for the discussion.

First, budgeting is one of the important instruments for translating the organization priorities into actions and to measure accountability and performance in implementing actions. Efforts to streamline program planning and budgeting should aim to achieve a more effective and efficient organization in delivering mandates on the ground.

Second, securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are paramount considerations in the employment of the staff. Yet, there also needs to be more balanced gender and geographical representation in the UN. Essentially, as a field based organization, with most of the staff on the ground; quick, responsive and accountable staff is needed.

Third, organizational structure dictates how the staff function. Any adjustments should be thoroughly considered. Indonesia emphasizes that restructuring the organization should be geared towards strengthening the accountability framework of the UN, including elements of monitoring, quality assurance and oversight.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia is of the view that management reform is not a singular activity. It is an ongoing process that is open for review, if deemed necessary. In this regard, Indonesia reiterates its readiness to continue working with the Secretary-General and his team to make the United Nations more effective, responsive, accountable and fit for purpose.

We emphasize that the process to discuss the plans and proposals should remain open, transparent, and consistently supported by all Member States.