



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Serbia* and Albania*, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Mr Chairman,

At the outset, let me thank the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Ms. Jan Beagle, for introducing the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project. Let me also thank the Chair of the Audit Operations Committee, Board of Auditors, Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi, for introducing the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual progress report of the Board on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system. Let me also thank the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Carlos Ruiz-Massieu, for introducing the report of that Committee on the same item.

Mr Chairman,

The Member States of the European Union have been and continue to be strong supporters of implementing an enterprise resource planning solution (Umoja), aimed at modernizing a wide range of business processes and systems that are crucial to the efficient, effective and transparent management of the Organization.

We have taken note of the ninth report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project, and of the observations made by the Board of Auditors and by the ACABQ. We welcome the significant progress achieved in addressing the issues faced by the project, including continued improvements in the project's management and efforts to quantify the total cost of ownership and improve the presentation of quantitative and qualitative benefits.

The Member States of the European Union continue to attach great importance to the full implementation of Umoja Extension 2, which includes some of the most important and promising functionality. This includes enhancement to supply chain management, budget formulation, programme management, conference and event management, and force planning. The quality of data from across the range of secretariat activities that will be available through UE2 offers great potential to aid the Secretariat and Member States in our future decision making.

Mr Chairman,

The Member States of the European Union look forward to discussing these issues further with all other Member States, as well as the Secretariat, in the upcoming informal consultations.

* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.