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**Proposed Amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations
(A/73/717)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's report A/73/717 that contains the Secretary-General's rationale and proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations.
2. The report proposes two structural changes to the Financial Regulations. The first one is the inclusion of the regulatory framework for engaging with implementing partners and the issuing of grants, following the recommendations of the Board of Auditors. The Regulations proposed represent the principles that the Secretariat will have to follow at a higher level. Further guidance will be developed for the operationalization of these Regulations in different administrative documents.
3. The second structural change to the Financial Regulations relates to the process of donating property which has been installed in a country and which, if dismantled, would set back the rehabilitation of that country. These assets refer to airfield installations, buildings, bridges and mine-clearing equipment in peacekeeping operations that could not be disposed by redeployment to other missions, parts of the Secretariat, or sold to UN entities or International Organizations. The proposal entails

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eliminating the obligation to obtain the prior approval of the General Assembly and retain the obligation to report on those donations.

4. Finally, there are other changes in nomenclature in different parts of Financial Regulations to update concepts based on wide consultation amongst the UN Secretariat.
5. The General Assembly is requested to approve the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and to take note of the amended Financial Rules that will be promulgated after the General Assembly's approval of the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations.
6. Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, we look forward to the discussions on this item.