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Statement

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At

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General Assembly

Agenda Item 136:

Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2018-2019:
Request for Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the
Courts of Cambodia(ECCC)

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Madam Chair,

1. At the outset, my delegation would like to congratulate you for assuming the Chairmanship of the Fifth Committee for current session of the UN General Assembly.
2. Cambodia aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China.
3. I would like to sincerely thank the UN Secretary-General for his Report: A/73/331 dated 20 August 2018 entitled Request for Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), in which he seeks the approval by the General Assembly of an appropriation for a subvention for the international component of the ECCC amounting to \$9.7 million for 2019 to ensure that the important work of the ECCC can continue efficiently.
4. Under agenda item 136 entitled Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2018-2019, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the ECCC, I wish to inform that "The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has been increasing its in-cash and in-kind contributions to the ECCC since 2013 and has consistently supported requests for subvention limited to the international component since 2014.
5. Given the important works of and substantive progress made by the Courts, my delegation is pleased to inform the Committee that the RGC is supportive of the UN Secretary General's request to the General Assembly to provide the subvention to the ECCC international component for 2019.
6. The RGC will maintain the same commitment of direct contribution as has been made in the previous years in providing full operational costs and the payment of the first six months of national staff salaries. As for the payment of the other six months salaries, the RGC looks forward to receiving the continued support from the UN in the efforts to raise fund from other donors to secure the full funding of the national component in 2019.
7. Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the EU, Principle Donor Group and all Interested Members of the Group for their generous and continuous support to the ECCC, the RGC is committed to work closely with the UN and all stakeholders to ensure that the ECCC will complete the remaining work as its plan.

I thank you, Madam Chair.
