



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Madam Chair,

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

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Serbia* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Madam Chair,

At the outset, let me thank the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Ms. Jan Beagle, for introducing the tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project. Let me also thank Ms. Parama Sen, Chair of the Audit Operations Committee from the Board of Auditors, for introducing the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh annual progress report of the Board on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system. Let me also thank the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Babou Sene, for introducing the report of that Committee on the same item.

Madam Chair,

The Member States of the European Union have been and continue to be strong supporters of effective, efficient and transparent management of the United Nations. Consistently, we continue to support the implementation of Umoja and

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

the modernizing of business processes and systems that are crucial to the Organization.

We have taken note of the tenth 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 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 functionalities: 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.

Madame la Présidente,

Les États Membres de l'Union Européenne ont hâte de discuter plus en détails ce point important de l'agenda avec les autres États Membres, ainsi que le Secrétariat, dans les négociations informelles à venir.

Merci Madame la Présidente.