



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 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 Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

I would like to thank Mr. Kingston Rhodes, Chair of the International Civil Service Commission, for introducing the Commission's report for 2018, and Mr. Chandru Ramathan, Acting Controller of the Office of Programme Planning for his remarks on the statement of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the ICSC. We would also like to thank the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for his introductory remarks on the related report of that Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to underline the continued appreciation of the Member States of the European Union for the crucial role of the International Civil Service Commission. We highly value its work and we believe the Commission is essential to enhancing the

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

effective functioning of the organisations of the common system. In that spirit we look forward to the reviewing the Committees recommendations on how to ensure the implementation of consistent policies and common standards that avoid discrepancies in the terms and conditions of employment across the UN Common System in the 74th session. This remains essential to maintaining a level playing field for staff and ensuring the most efficient use of the organisations resources. The EU Member States also expect to see all GA decisions on the ICSC's recommendations implemented in full and without any undue delay.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, let me assure you of the EU Member States' commitment to engage constructively with all colleagues in negotiations on the addressed issues in the upcoming informal consultations.