

**Statement by Mr. Haseeb Gohar, Second  
Secretary, Pakistan Mission to the United Nations  
at the closing Session of the Main Part of the 73<sup>rd</sup>  
Session of the Fifth Committee of the General  
Assembly**

**(22 December 2018)**

**Madam Chair,**

Let me first align myself with the statement delivered by our Egyptian colleague on behalf of the G77 and China, who had been leading us from the front with dedication, conviction and perseverance.

I would also like to commend you madam chair for your efforts and personal presence during our course of deliberations.

Special thanks to Sharon and her dedicated team, for their tireless efforts in helping the work of the Committee.

**Madam Chair,**

The agreement reached during the negotiations on the Scales of assessment for Regular and Peacekeeping budgets is an outcome of a painful concession from

our Group as well as from others, based on maximum flexibility and a spirit of compromise.

As we have renewed our commitment to adopt the methodology to assess member states, we urge all Member States, currently in arrears to settle those arrears promptly and in full.

**Madam Chair,**

As the UN reform process culminates in the Fifth Committee with the adoption of the UN Resident Coordinator system funding and the restructuring of the Human Resources functions, the need of a reinvigorated United Nations has become even more relevant and important today.

Pakistan supported the Secretary-General's efforts to make the Organization more inclusive, democratic and 'fit-for-purpose' to deliver on the 2030 agenda and for better mandate delivery on ground.

Pakistan as a major troop contributing country will continue to strive for achieving common ideals of peace, prosperity and well-being of millions of peoples around the World.

The General Assembly has also taken a major undertaking to revamp the Resident Coordinator System. The work of the Resident Coordinators must be fully aligned with the national policies and priorities with poverty eradication as its overarching principle, and achieving sustainable development so that 'no one is left behind'.

**Madam Chair**, as my Ambassador said and I quote:

“The changing reality is a ‘democratic’ reality; a credible UN is a more representative UN, reflecting the interests and views of all member states- small, medium and large”.

Therefore, **madam chair**, we reemphasize the importance of intergovernmental bodies processes and equitable geographic representation and the representation of the TCCs in the context of the UN reforms.

**Madam Chair**,

We regret that the Committee could not find consensus despite months of deliberations which led us to defer Human Resources Management resolution and some other important resolutions. We sincerely

hope that the Committee will discuss all outstanding issues and try to find out consensual outcome during the First Resumed Session.

In conclusion, **Madam Chair**, allow me to pay tribute to the colleagues who will be leaving after this Session for their substantial contribution to the work of the committee.

I also take this opportunity to thank my own Group and especially the Chair for the substantial contribution, the sacrifices, and constructive approach, and welcome also the upcoming Chair, the State of Palestine, who will guide us in the committee.

I thank you, **Madam chair**.