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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Ma Zhaoxu, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations, at the main session of the Fifth Committee of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly on the Organization of work**

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Madam Chair,

The Chinese delegation wishes to congratulate you on your assumption of the chairmanship of the Fifth Committee, and thank you, Madam Chair, the members of the Bureau, Sharon van Buerle and her team in the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee, other relevant departments of the Secretariat, and the ACABQ for the preparations for the main part of the 73rd Session of the Fifth Committee of UNGA. We welcome H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the 73rd UN General Assembly, attending and speaking at today's meeting. For the organization of work of the present session, we associate ourselves with the statement made by the representative of Egypt on behalf of "the Group of 77 and China", and wish to add the following observations.

First, this main part of the Fifth Committee session will review the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations ,and the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN peacekeeping operations for 2019-2021, the human resources management reform and other important issues, with a large number of reports and challenging tasks , which requires all parties to continue to engage in democratic consultations in a spirit of win-win cooperation. With regard to the scale of assessments, the principle of "capacity to pay" must continue to be used as a basis for calculation. However, the existence of some inappropriateness now in the methodology of calculating assessments blurs the distinction between developed and developing countries. Regarding the scale of assessments for PKOs, China supports the principle of "collective responsibility and special responsibility". Regarding the reform of human resources management, the long unresolved issue of inequitable geographic distribution of UN staff in the Secretariat is something that China is deeply concerned about and hopes for an early solution. China support the effort made by the Secretary-General to reform the United Nations. We look forward to in-depth consultations with all parties on various issues.

Second, financial resources is the foundation and an important support for the governance of the United Nations. We hope that all countries will support the United Nations' multilateralism though practical actions. Based on the estimates by the Secretariat, China's assessed contributions to the UN and its assessment for PKOs would increase significantly in 2019-2021. China is still a developing country, and we will continue to duly fulfill our financial obligations, and at the same time make sure that the resources will be used in a reasonable and effective manner.

And third, when it comes to using UN's budgetary resources, more attention ought to be paid to the overall performance management. The Secretariat should take effective measures and follow the practice that " money must be spent effectively and those not doing so must be held accountable", and truly do a good job in managing and using every penny of the taxpayers' money of the member states. China will take part in the comprehensive and in-depth discussion of relevant issues, and work in due diligence with the member states to ensure the UN's budgetary management will reflect, to the maximum, the interests and demands of the member states.

Madam Chair,

The Chinese delegation will actively participate in the consultations with other Member States on various issues in a positive and constructive manner and looks forward to a smooth and timely completion of the agenda items of this session.

Thank you, Madam Chair.



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中国常驻联合国代表马朝旭大使  
在第 73 届联大五委常会关于会议组织工作的发言  
(2018 年 10 月 9 日 上午 10 点, 第三会议室)

主席女士:

中国代表团祝贺你担任五委主席。感谢主席女士、主席团成员、五委秘书处 Sharon 团队、秘书处有关部门以及行政和预算问题咨询委员会为第 73 届联大五委常会所做准备工作。欢迎第 73 届联大主席埃斯皮诺萨女士 (H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa) 出席今天的会议并致辞。中国代表团将积极参与本届联大五委会议。对于本次会议组织工作, 我们支持埃及代表“77 国集团和中国”所作发言。中方愿强调以下几点:

第一, 本届五委常会将审议 2019—2021 年联合国会费比额、维和摊款比额以及人力资源管理等重要议题, 报告数量多, 任务挑战大, 需要各方继续发扬民主协商、合作共赢的精神。关于会费比额, “支付能力”原则作为计算基础必须继续坚持, 但目前会费计算方法仍有不合理之处, 混淆了发达国家与发展

中国家的区别。关于维和比额，中方支持“集体责任与特殊责任”原则。关于人力资源管理，秘书处人力资源地区分布不问题长期未能得到解决，中方对此表示关切并希望尽快解决这一问题。中方支持秘书长改革的努力。我们期待与各方就各项议题进行深入磋商。

第二，财政是联合国治理的基础和重要支柱。中国已足额缴纳了2018年会费与各项摊款，我们希望各国以实际行动支持联合国多边主义事业。根据秘书处测算，2019—2021年中国会费和维和摊款将大幅增长。中国仍是一个发展中国家，我们将继续履行好应尽的财政义务，同时确保资金投入能够得到有效合理使用。

第三，联合国预算资金使用应该更加重视全面绩效管理。秘书处应采取有效措施，实现“花钱必问效、无效必问责”，切实管好用好会员国纳税人的每一分钱。中方将全面、深入地参与相关问题的讨论，同会员国一道把好关，确保联合国预算管理能够最大限度地反映会员国利益和诉求。

主席女士，

中国代表团将与其他会员国一道，以积极和建设性姿态参与各项议题磋商，期待能够按时、顺利完成本次会议的各项议程。

谢谢主席女士。