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**Opening Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the UN
The First Resumed Part of the 73rd Session of the 5th Committee
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At the outset, I would like to express my Government's deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the UN Staff members who lost their lives in the tragic air crash in Ethiopia.

Madame Chair,

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership. The main part of the 73rd session last year was successfully concluded with notable progress, thanks to your active engagement.

The Secretary-General's briefing on the financial situation of the UN early this month reminded us of the guiding importance of efficient budget management.

My delegation is of the view that enhancing the efficiency of budget management must be the top priority in our discussions. The Global Service Delivery Model (GSDM) needs to be discussed in a manner that aims to provide qualified services with minimum cost. I would also like to emphasize the importance of transparency in deciding the locations of the Global Shared Services Centers (GSSC).

Concerning the air travel issue, my delegation hopes that we will be able to reach consensus on measures to reduce unnecessary spending on air travel. We also hope that we can make meaningful progress on the issue of the contingency fund prior to the beginning of the temporary annual budget cycle next year, as this issue has been deferred thus far without making substantial decisions.

My delegation looks forward to engaging in constructive discussions to forge productive outcomes throughout this session.

Thank you. /END/