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Statement

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General Assembly

Agenda Item 135:

Proposed Programme Budget for 2020:
Request for a Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the
Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

1. At the outset, I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your election as Chair of the Fifth Committee and other members of the Bureau for the current session of the General Assembly and assure you of my delegation's full support.
2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Observer State of Palestine on behalf of the G77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

3. I would like to sincerely thank the United Nations Secretary-General for his report in document A/74/359 dated 20 September 2019, which outlines the significant judicial progress of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and his request for a subvention of the ECCC for the international component amounting to USD 8.5 million for 2020 for consideration and approval by the General Assembly.
4. With regard to the letter of His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, dated 12 November 2019, addressed to **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**, requesting the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) to support his request for a subvention limited to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and asking Cambodia to continue making necessary contribution to the full funding of the national component for 2020, my delegation is pleased to convey a positive response of Samdech Techo Prime Minister, as follows:

- **First**, based on our good partnership and cooperation on the ECCC, the Royal Government of Cambodia continues supporting the UN Secretary General's request for the subvention of the ECCC for international component in 2020 as proposed in his letter.

- **Second**, for the national component of the ECCC in 2020, the Royal Government of Cambodia will maintain its similar commitment of direct contribution as previously made for the last five consecutive years by providing USD3.8 million, of which USD1.6 million is for the general operational costs of the ECCC and USD2.2 million for the payment of at least first six months of national staff salaries. As for the remaining shortfall of USD1.24 million, we look forward to receiving the continued support from the United Nations in the efforts to raise funds from other donors to secure the full funding of the national component in 2020.

Mr. Chairman,

5. In conclusion, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to express my sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the Steering Committee, the Principle Donors and members of other interested states for their generous and continuous financial contributions and support provided to Cambodia and the ECCC for the cause of justice in Cambodia.

My sincere thanks also go to the Group 77 and China for its dedicated efforts and work to support the ECCC.

I thank you, Chair!