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Statement by Counsellor Daopeng FU of the Chinese Mission at the Main Session of the Fifth Committee of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly on Agenda Item 137: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

(October 18, 2019, at 10 a.m Conference Room 3)

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese Delegation wishes to thank Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, (DMSPC), for presenting and updating the information on the financial situation of the United Nations. We endorse the statement by Palestine on behalf of the "Group of 77 and China" and would like to add the following observations:

First, finance serves as the foundation and an important element underpinning UN governance. Adequate and predictable financial resources are the material guarantee for the United Nations to implement its mandates and program activities. China supports the United Nations in maintaining its budget at an appropriate level and a sound and sustainable UN financial situation. We support the undertakings of the UN and the work of the Secretary-General.

Second, payment of the assessed contributions by Member States on

time and in full is the key to solving the current regular budget liquidity crisis of the UN. 2019 is the first year to apply the new scale of assessments. The apportionments for China, for both regular budget and peacekeeping assessments, have increased by big margins, 52% and 49% respectively. Nevertheless, as a responsible developing country and the second largest contributor to the regular budget and peacekeeping assessments, China has paid about 335 million US dollars on time, in full and without conditions. This year, China has actually paid peacekeeping assessments of 1.135 billion U.S. dollars. China calls on all Member States, particularly those with the capacity to pay, to pay their contributions on time, in full and without conditions.

Third, the Secretariat should effectively enhance overall budget performance management, strengthen financial discipline and achieve savings while increasing efficiency. China has taken note of the recent emergency austerity measures taken by the Secretary-General. China believes that it's the inherent requirement of UN budget management to improve overall budget performance, strengthen financial discipline and achieve savings while increasing efficiency.

In conclusion, China wishes to emphasize that, against the backdrop of the current regular budget liquidity crisis, the Secretariat should take effective measures to ensure the implementation of the tasks entrusted to it by the UN Charter and all the mandates.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



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中国常驻联合国代表团傅道鹏参赞在第 74 届联大五委常会关于"议题 137:改善联合国财政状况"的发言(2019年10月18日上午10时,第三会议室)

主席先生:

中国代表团感谢管理战略、政策和合规部副秘书长凯瑟琳·波拉德女士(Catherine Pollard)介绍并更新联合国财政状况有关信息。我们支持巴勒斯坦代表"77国集团和中国"所作的发言,并愿补充以下看法:

第一, 财政是联合国治理的基础和重要支柱, 充足、可预见的财政资源是联合国履行授权和方案活动开展的物质保障。中方支持联合国预算保持合理水平,支持联合国财政状况稳健、可持续,支持联合国事业和秘书长工作。

第二,会员国及时足额缴费是解决当前联合国经常性预算流动性危机的关键。2019年是实施新一轮会费比额的第一年,中国承担的会费与维和摊款比额大幅增长,增幅分别高达52%和49%。尽管如此,作为负责任的发展中国家和第二大会费与

维和摊款国,中方仍然及时足额无条件缴纳会费约3.35亿美元。 今年中方已实际缴纳维和摊款11.35亿美元。中方呼吁所有会 员国,特别是具有支付能力的国家,及时、足额、无条件缴纳 会费。

第三,秘书处应切实加强全面预算绩效管理,严肃财务纪律,实现节支增效。中方注意到秘书长近期采取的紧急节支举措。中方认为,加强全面预算绩效管理,严肃财务纪律,实现节支增效,应成为联合国预算管理的客观要求。

最后,中方强调,在当前经常性预算流动性危机背景下, 秘书处应采取有效措施,切实保障《联合国宪章》赋予的职责 和各项授权得到有效实施。

谢谢主席先生。