

Iran

Thank you Mr. Chairman

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the State of Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

For the first time since the establishment of the United Nations, the arrears of Iran is getting close to the threshold of preceding two full-year contributions due which at the beginning of 2020 would jeopardize Iran's right to vote in the General Assembly.

None payment of Iran's contribution to the UN is beyond its control.

People of Iran are living under the illegal unilateral coercive measures as part of the so-called maximum pressure policy imposed on them by the United States. The unlawful measures even include the Iranian Central Bank that restricts access to financial resources. Therefore, the Iranian Government has to manage the expenditures within the available financial resources to ensure the basic and vital needs of over 83 million of its citizens and over a million of its refugee population.

Here, I don't want to refer to the human impacts of the imposed illegal sanctions on civilians in Iran.

With the view of the above, and bearing in mind the fact that currently there is no reliable and regular channel for transfer of Iran's assessed contribution to the UN budget, I humbly request the distinguished members of the Committee to pay attention to the root causes of the situation concerning Iran's contribution to the UN, in order to make appropriate decision at the proper time.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, after dragging the Secretariat in a financial crisis, the US as the biggest not only contributor but also discount receiver decided to pay one fourth of its annual RB contribution, to keep the secretariat alive for a few more days!

Considering the US annual assessed contribution to the UN and the article 19 of the Charter, the US could extend the current situation of the secretariat even for more than a decade without any payment to the Regular Budget! The US is the main offender in creating the current financial crisis for the secretariat, that even affected ~~the payment of the~~ salaries of the staff. It seems the secretariat is being taken hostage to advance the US political objectives.

UN is facing an unbelievable threat. It should be addressed promptly and properly. During recent years, the international community has witnessed many irregular and unacceptable conducts by the US against international agreements and bodies.

This potential disaster and catastrophe, is not unpredictable. It should be prevented in advance. If it happens, not only the UN but also the member states will be affected and harmed.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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