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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you and other Bureau members on the election to lead the work of this committee and extend my delegation's full support in accomplishing your responsibilities at this time when our organization faces a severe liquidity crisis.

I would like to thank the President of the UNGA 74th session, H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande for addressing today's meeting. Also, my appreciation goes to Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy and Policy Compliance for the comprehensive information provided to the Fifth Committee last Friday, October 11th on the improvement of the financial situation of the United Nations.

At a time when multilateralism is challenged in every possible way, we all should strive for strengthening the role of our organization and for increasing its dynamism. We appreciate Secretary General's reform initiatives as well as his commitment to deliver results on the ground. We understand that the reform is a process in itself and in this regard, my delegation thinks that all Member States should do their part to support their result-oriented determination.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation acknowledges the financial difficulties that the UN experiences and we fully recognize the austerity measures taken by the Secretary-General, hopeful that these measures won't affect the deliberations of this Committee soon.

We believe that the financial health of our organization depends solely on us, the Member States meeting our financial obligations in a timely and prompt manner. My country has met its commitment by paying our assessed contribution to the regular budget on time. We should all bear in mind that the mandate of the UN is continuing to expand while the regular budget is decreasing.

We are pleased to hear that notwithstanding the cash-flow complications, the Secretary-General is committed to meeting obligations to Troop and Police Contributing Countries as expeditiously as possible, and trust that the Secretary-General will attach high priority to maximize the quarterly reimbursements.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my delegation's full commitment to work constructively in identifying sustainable and reasonable solutions to improve the financial situation of the UN.

I thank you.