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**Agenda Item 139**

**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**

**Report of the Secretary-General  
on multi-year payment plans (A/74/68)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr Chairman,

1. I would like to first congratulate you on your election to this important. The Fifth Committee can count on my support, and the support of my office, in carrying out its programme of work at its 74<sup>th</sup> session.

Distinguished Delegates,

2. Turning to agenda item 139, I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary General on multi-year payment plans, as contained in document A/74/68. This is the seventeenth annual report on the status of multi-year payment plans.

3. Since the introduction of the system in 2002, six Member States have successfully implemented multi-year payment plans, enabling them to pay their assessed contributions in full. We are grateful for their commitment to meeting their financial obligations to the United Nations.

4. The remaining plan in the report before the Committee was submitted by Sao Tome and Principe in 2002. The report contains the status of its implementation as at 31 December 2018.

5. No new payment plans have been submitted in recent years, although several Member States have indicated, in the context of Article 19 discussions, that the matter was under consideration. In setting out the arrangements for the multi-year payment plan system, it was recognized that due consideration should be given to the economic position of Member States, as not all of them might be in a position to submit a plan. Accordingly, the submission of such

plans remains voluntary in nature. The Secretariat stands ready to assist any Member State wishing to implement a multi-year payment plan.

6. The Committee may wish to take note of the report of the Secretary-General.

Mr Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.