



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

First, let me thank Ambassador Bernardo Greiver, Chair of the Committee on Contributions, for presenting the Committee's report of its seventy-ninth session, as well as Mr. Chandru Ramanathan, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Finance and Budget, for the presentation of the Secretary-General's report on multi-year payment plans.

Mr. Chair,

This year our Committee is not tasked to prepare a decision on the methodology for the scale of assessments. However, we continue to perceive the matter of financial health of the organization and predictability of financing of the utmost importance. That is why we are pleased to note the review of the elements of the methodology presented by the Committee on Contributions, which could provide valuable recommendations in our efforts to find ways to enhance the methodology.

This year's review by the Committee on Contributions is thorough and comprehensive. We wish to stress once again that funding the organization is the joint responsibility of the whole membership and is essential to its sustainability and effective functioning.

Mr. Chair,

Let me continue by addressing the issue of the requests for exemption under Article 19. The EU member states have constantly stressed that the payment of assessed contributions in line with the Charter is a fundamental duty of all member states. Our position has not changed. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that some member states may face temporary difficulties in fulfilling their annual financial obligations to the United Nations.

Once arrears have accumulated, multi-year payment plans seem to be an effective tool to help member states to reduce their unpaid assessed contributions.

We are content to endorse the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions permitting the countries that requested exemption under Article 19 to vote in the General Assembly until the end of its 74th session.

We also call upon all partners to close the scale of assessments item as quickly as possible.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

* *The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.*