



Intervention of the Mexican Delegation at the Closing of the 5th Committee Second Resumed Session of the 74th UN General Assembly

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Mr. Chair,

I wish to begin my intervention by highlighting your leadership and commitment that were key factors to steer the Fifth Committee to the achievement of concrete and important results for the Organization in unprecedented and extraordinarily complex circumstances never before seen in the history of the United Nations.

I also want to acknowledge the professional work of the Bureau, the tireless efforts of the facilitators and the willingness and constructive spirit shown by all delegations gathered during these complex negotiations. Allow me to also express our special gratitude to the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee for its valuable support during the session.

Mr. Chair,

Mexico welcomes the successful completion of the work of the Fifth Committee today, and notes that the results achieved are the product of constructive dialogue and consensus among our delegations, despite the unprecedented conditions and challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has implied for the Committee.

1. We commend the timely effort made by the Committee to determine a responsible budget, in fulfillment of the collective commitment to the work of the United Nations in the area of peacekeeping. The Committee responded constructively and responsibly to that commitment and discussed and approved the peacekeeping budget for 2020/2021, providing adequate funding for peacekeeping missions which will enable them to fulfill their important mandates, many of which today, more than ever, are carried out in environments of increasing complexity and insecurity, to which we now add sanitation concerns related to the pandemic.

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2. We congratulate the Committee on the successful adoption of peacekeeping policy language that will serve to further guide Missions on issues such as sexual exploitation and abuse, the new comprehensive performance assessment system (CPAS), the multi-year environmental strategy and the Mission response to the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, we commend the Committee on the adoption of resolutions on the rates and standards for reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment, as well as seconded active-duty military and police personnel.
3. In matters other than peacekeeping, it is important to underline the adoption of a resolution on the Global Service Delivery Model that, as agreed by delegations, postpones discussions on the way forward with regards to the reports under consideration to the 75th session. We appreciate that all the views presented by delegations were incorporated into the resolution and we hope that the coming negotiations will be conclusive with regards to the future of this item, given its continuous discussion over the past several sessions.

Mr Chair,

It is a time of change, so we welcome Ambassador Amorín Tenconi from Uruguay for assuming the Presidency of the Fifth Committee during the 75th Session. We congratulate the Committee for its hard work and wish all the colleagues a very well-deserved break. We also wish all the best to our colleagues leaving New York and welcome the newcomers. Finally, we wish to express our thoughts and condolences to those still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.