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## **S T A T E M E N T**

**by representative of the Russian Federation, the second part of the  
resumed 74<sup>th</sup> session of the GA Fifth Committee, closing meeting of the session**

August 4, 2020

Mr. Chair,

The Russian Federation would like to thank the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Mr. Andreas D. Mavroyannis for his chairmanship of the Administrative and Budgetary (Fifth) Committee during the whole 74th session of the General Assembly as well as its second resumed part.

Despite the fact that we worked under exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, since the beginning of May we managed to adopt twenty-one resolutions on time. It is obvious that timely allocation of resources for the United Nations peacekeeping operations would contribute to successful respond to challenges in the field caused by the coronavirus disease. We would like to express our appreciation of the constructive approach, indulgence and flexibility demonstrated by the Member States which helped us to achieve this vital result.

As for extending exceptional measures regarding seconded active-duty military and police personnel to 31 July 2021, unless a permanent solution is implemented

before that date, we expect that the Secretary-General would make use of such a chance provided by the General Assembly and propose viable options to resolve conflicts between national legislations and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations as requested. We proceed from the idea that comprehensive and well-timed involvement of the Secretariat in this problem beforehand would help us to refrain from the discussion scenario we faced this summer.

Thank you.