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**Statement by Counsellor Zhiqi GUO of the Chinese Mission at
the First Part of the Resumed Session of the Fifth Committee
of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly
on the Review of efficiency–Accountability**

(15 March 2021, 15:00PM)

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation thank Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, for introducing the Secretary-General's report. Our thanks also to Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Ms. Simona Petrova, Secretary of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, and Inspectors Keiko Kamioka and Eileen A. Cronin, for introducing the related reports of ACABQ, CEB and JIU respectively. With regard to the issue of accountability, we align ourselves with the statement by the representative of Guinea on behalf of the G-77 and China. We would like to make the following additional remarks.

China welcomes the progress made by the Secretariat in implementing the accountability system. The Secretariat should adapt to the requirements of management reform, further enhance accountability, and continuously strengthen the comprehensive budget performance management and improve internal control mechanism. Facing Covid-19 pandemic, accountability is more important for the UN to fulfill its mandate and achieve financial sustainability. The global economy has suffered a lot in the

past, and it is believed that all member states are facing the similar fiscal pressure as we do. I would like to introduce China's current situation and experience here. Although China is the only major economy to achieve economic growth in 2020, in response to the impact of the pandemic, measures such as tax cuts and fee reductions, ensuring and improving standard of living, fighting against the epidemic and work resumption have put tremendous pressure on fiscal constraint. The central government is even taking the lead in vigorously reducing administrative expenses. We save every drop of water, every kilowatt-hour of electricity, and every piece of paper. On the premise of completing the task well, we try our best to save more.

Under such circumstances, the United Nations needs to work with all member states to overcome the difficulties and establish the culture of diligence and thrift. The approved budget expenditure must be improved in quality and efficiency, the expenditure structure shall be optimized, financial discipline should be strengthened. We will demand result when resources are used and seek accountability in case of failure. This is intended to effectively spend every penny paid by taxpayers of Member States. Resources should be allocated for the priorities of the United Nations, including the realization of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, to achieve financial sustainability. The Secretariat should strictly follow fiscal discipline through implementing comprehensive budgetary performance and internal control, issue the first statement of internal control for all entities on time, include this important tool in our review of the accountability system as a vital part of the accountability system. Supervision and management of extra-budgetary resources should also be improved to ensure that the use is transparent, regulated and in line with mandates and regulations of the UN.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation, together with other delegations, will continue to participate in the consultations on accountability items in a positive and constructive manner.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



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中国常驻联合国代表团郭志奇参赞
在第 75 届联大五委第一次续会
关于问责制的发言
(2021 年 3 月 15 日下午 15:00)

主席先生：

中国代表团感谢管理战略、政策和合规部副秘书长凯瑟琳·波拉德女士(Catherine Pollard)对秘书长报告的介绍，感谢行政和预算问题咨询委员会主席、联检组对相关报告的介绍。中方支持几内亚代表“77 国集团和中国”所作的发言。愿补充以下意见：

问责制的实施对推动秘书处管理改革，不断加强全面预算绩效管理和内控体系建设具有重要意义。中方欢迎秘书处在实施问责制方面取得的进展，支持秘书处进一步加强问责。在疫情全球大流行的背景下，问责制对联合国履行授权，实现财政可持续性显得更为重要。过去一段时间全球经济都经受了重创，相信各国政府也同我们一样面临财政收支压力。在此，我愿意

介绍一下中国国内的情况和经验。中国虽然是 2020 年唯一实现经济增长的主要经济体，但是为应对疫情影响，实施的减税降费、保障民生、抗疫复产等措施，使财政减收增支承受巨大压力。中央政府更是带头过紧日子，大力压减行政开销，我们节省每一滴水、每一度电、每一张纸，在保质保量完成工作任务的情况下，能省则省。

在这种情况下，联合国有必要和会员国一道共克时艰，树立勤俭节约思想，已批准的预算支出要大力提质增效，优化支出结构，严肃财政纪律，管好用好会员国纳税人的每一分钱，把有限的资源用于联合国的优先事项，包括实现 2030 可持续发展目标等事项上来，确保财政运行可持续。注重实施全面预算绩效管理，切实加强内部控制，尽快发布联合国各机构的第一份内部控制声明，将这一重要工具纳入我们对问责制的审查中。切实增强对预算外资源的监督管理，确保其使用透明、规范并符合联合国各项授权和规定。

主席先生，

中方愿同各方一道建设性参与问责制议题磋商，继续发扬团结合作、协商一致精神，用实际行动继续支持联合国事业和秘书长工作。

谢谢主席先生。