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中国代表团程烈参赞在第76届联大五委常会 关于方案计划和方案预算议题的发言

(10月13日上午10:00, 联大厅)

主席先生:

中方感谢古特雷斯秘书长就 2022 年方案计划与方案预算 所作说明,感谢方案与协调委员会主席介绍方协会报告,感谢 行政和预算问题咨询委员会主席介绍有关审议报告。中方支持 几内亚代表"77 国集团和中国"就议题 139 和 138 所作发言,愿 补充以下意见:

第一,方案计划是会员国授权的具体体现。中方认为,会员国应始终在方案计划审议过程中发挥主导作用。在联合国管理改革和试行年度预算背景下,方协会作为联大和经社理事会重要下属机构,审议方案计划的职能和作用只能加强,不能削弱。方案落实过程中应不断加强会员国的评价与监督,提高方案活动的效率、效力、透明与问责。

第二, 财政是联合国治理的基础和重要支柱。中方认为, 方案预算应保持合理规模,不断提高预算编制科学性和准确性。 应进一步优化预算结构,优先为发展领域提供充足、可持续的 财政资源,更好地帮助发展中国家疫后复苏,照顾发展中国家 实际困难和关切,推动早日实现2030年可持续发展目标。预算审议应坚持实事求是的基本原则,不应为了削减而削减。同时应严肃财务纪律,注重实施全面预算绩效管理,切实加强内控。应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。

第三,方案计划和拟议方案预算关系到联合国的整体工作,相互关联,不可分割。联大核可的方案计划是编制方案预算的基础,方案预算是方案计划在财政方面的反映,二者共同确保联合国准确执行会员国授权和各项优先领域,缺一不可。今年6月举行的第61届方协会取得一定成果,但仍有10个方案未能达成一致。中方支持联大按照第75/243号决议要求,继续审议上述方案。各主要委员会应发挥作用,希望联大主席办、总务委员会提供协助。

主席先生,

中国作为联合国第二大会费与维和摊款国和最大的发展中国家,多年以来为联合国作出重大财政贡献,始终及时足额缴纳会费和各项摊款,认真履行财政义务。也希望其他会员国特别是主要会费和摊款国及时缴费,用实际行动体现对联合国的支持。同时,中方希望联合国采取切实措施,提高发展中国家在秘书处职员中的代表性。

下步中方愿同各方一道建设性参与磋商,继续发扬团结合作、协商一致的精神,及时完成各项议题的审议。

谢谢主席先生。



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Statement by Counsellor CHENG Lie, Permanent Mission of
China to the UN on Agenda Item 139: Program Planning
and Item 138: Proposed Program Budget for 2022
at the Main Part of the Fifth Committee During the 76th Session of
the General Assembly

(13 Oct 2021)

Mr. Chair,

I thank Secretary-General Guterres for the presentation of the program plan and the proposed program budget for 2022. I also thank the Chairperson of the Committee for Program and Coordination (CPC) for his introduction of the report of the CPC. Our thanks also go to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, for introducing the Committee's related report. China associates itself with the statement made by Guinea on behalf of G77 and China on agenda items 139 and 138, and would like to make the following comments and recommendations:

First, program plans are concrete manifestation of the mandates from member states. China upholds that the leading role should belong to

member states in reviewing the program plans. The CPC serves as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and ECOSOC. In the context of the annual budget on a trial period, the functions of the CPC in programming and planning should only be strengthened, rather than weakened. The evaluation and monitoring of the implementation of programs by member states should be ensured in order to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of program activities.

Second, finance serves as the foundation and an important element underpinning the UN governance. The program budget should be maintained at a reasonable level with increasing accuracy to the actual needs. Budget allocation should be optimized to ensure that development is prioritized with adequate and sustainable financial resources, in order to support developing countries in promoting better post-pandemic recovery, responding to their actual difficulties and concerns, and achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals at an early date. Budget should be reviewed based on evidence and mandates, rather than arbitrary cut without a good reason. The Secretariat should strictly follow fiscal discipline through implementing comprehensive budgetary performance and internal control. 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 rules of the UN.

Third, the program planning and program budget are interlinked, indivisible and closely related to the overall work of the UN. The program plans approved by the GA lay the basis for program budget, and the program

budget reflects program plans from the perspective of finance. They commonly ensure that the UN would be able to accurately implement mandates and priorities of member states. Neither of them should be undermined or ignored. The 61st CPC held in June made certain achievements. However, 10 programs are still left without recommendations. China supports the GA in continuing to review the above 10 programs in line with its resolution 75/243. We are of the view that the respective main committee need to play a responsive role, and look forward to necessary facilitation from the Office of President of the GA and the General Committee.

Mr. Chair,

As the second largest contributor to the UN and the largest developing country, China has made remarkable financial contributions to the UN during the past years. We responsively fulfill the financial obligations to the UN with on-time and in-full payments to contributions and assessments. We expect other member states, especially the main contributors, could also pay their dues in time, to support the UN with concrete actions. We also hope Secretariat to improve the representation of developing countries in its staff with concrete measures.

China is ready to constructively participate in consultations with all parties. We will continue to act in the spirit of unity, cooperation and consensus to continue to support the cause of the UN and the work of the Secretary-General with concrete actions.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.