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Statement to be delivered by Counsellor Thiago Poggio Pádua on behalf of the delegation of Brazil

Mr Chair,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Guinea, on behalf of G-77 and China.

At the outset, let me thank Your Excellency and the Bureau Members for your outstanding work in guiding the Committee to the positive and timely outcome we are here witnessing today. We also know this would not have been possible without the able and constant support from the secretariat of the Fifth Committee, whose staff members have again shown their usual commitment and work ethics. I thank Mr. Lionel Berridge and his team. I would finally like to acknowledge and thank the work of the ACABQ and the invaluable technical advice it provides to the Membership, and also that of the Secretary-General through the “Big Secretariat”, as we say in the Fifth Committee.

The Committee reached several crucial decisions in this session, improving the functioning of the Organization and, most important of all, providing it with the resources needed for the implementation of the mandates we entrust it with. In the exercise of building consensus for the Budget, the Committee identified areas where resource reductions could be applied in a rational manner, ensuring that the Organization can deliver mandates more efficiently, and we are glad to have avoided the unsound practice of implementing cuts for the sake of cutting. The increase of funds available for the Development Account for the second year in a row is an important achievement that will benefit developing countries.

In Programme Planning, the Committee greatly improved the framework by which relevant bodies of the General Assembly participate in the budgetary process, in all its phases. We have made it clearer that all committees should participate actively in the discussions pertaining to their areas of expertise, particularly when the Committee for Programme and Coordination cannot reach consensus. We have also given CPC better opportunity for its work to be carried out more constructively, by granting it one additional week of deliberations in 2022.

Mr Chair,

Brazil particularly welcomes the decision of this Committee to maintain the methodology of its scales of assessment and the fact that this decision was achieved early in the session and by consensus. We believe the methodology is robust, based on objective criteria. It results in a fair and balanced system of apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations. My delegation would like to stress that the scale of assessment of Peacekeeping Operations should not be used as a financial mechanism to impede the participation of developing countries as elected members in the Security Council.

Furthermore, we look forward to discussing the review of the changes to the budgetary cycle in next year's Main Session, including on the matter of the sequence of budgetary procedures and practices. We hope that any decision made will be the consequence of thorough analysis, aimed at the best interest of the Organization.

Finally, let me thank the constructiveness delegations have shown in the course of the three months of negotiations we are concluding today. The commitment of the delegates of this Committee, working relentlessly and incessantly until consensus are achieved, demonstrates the importance all Member States confer to the United Nations.

I thank you.