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Mr. Chairman

As this is my delegation's first time taking the floor we wish to congratulate the Government of Pakistan on assuming the chairmanship of the Group of 77; The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia looks forward to your leadership as you navigate the group on some difficult issues.

Next, I would like to welcome to the bureau Mr. Kavoy Anothny of Jamaica your experience will be invaluable as continue to work with you throughout the rest of the session.

Furthermore, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also would like to align itself with the previous statement given by Pakistan on behalf of the group of 77.



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomes Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Finance and Budget and Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Mr. Chairman,

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia believes that the committee had a very productive 76th Main Session. The committee handled sensitive issues in a timely manner and would like to use that momentum for the first resumed session. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will avail itself to member-states to meet these ends.

Mr. Chairman,

The first resumed session contains some important items that affect the short and long term health of the United Nations that need to be addressed and I will speak on a few of them here.



First, Human Resource Management. An effective, efficient, clear Human Recourse system allows the United Nations to maintain a competitive recruitment, retain staff, and effectively implement mandates. The cornerstone of that is expressed in the charter under Article 101.3 “importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.” The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is disappointed with the lack of progress reaching desirable range. We call for deeper engagement with the mission and strong consideration for qualified applicants from Saudi Arabia.

Next mobility, many Foreign Services and United Nations Funds and Programs have a rotational scheme. It is time for the secretariat to adopt one. Before the committee is a reasonable proposal that took the views of staff unions and Saudi Arabia will engage with the committee to look at the recommendations favorably.

Second, the financial situation of the United Nations. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia encourages all member states to pay in full and on-time, we thank the Secretary-General for on-boarding our views from resolution 73/307. The



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia believes there are some practical proposals before us that do not absolve any member state from financial responsibility, ensures mandates are delivered and reimburses our fellow TCC and PCC countries.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, Saudi Arabia would like to reiterate what was said in the beginning that we look forward engage with member-states to secure a positive outcome for the session that strengthens mandate delivery for the United Nations.

Mr. Chairman,

I thank you.