

**Statement by H.E. Ms. Oh Hyunjoo,  
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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Let me begin by congratulating you and all other Bureau members on their election. I am confident that under your able leadership, this Committee will reach a successful and timely conclusion in this session. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude for the excellent service of all Bureau members of the previous session.

The Republic of Korea firmly believes that the core responsibility of this Committee is to enable the UN to effectively deliver its mandate. In this regard, my delegation will constructively engage to ensure a timely adoption of the proposed programme budget for 2023, so that the UN can deliver its mandate in an efficient, effective, and accountable manner.

Mr. Chair,

Recognizing the importance of budgetary discipline across the UN system, I would like to highlight a few issues that are particularly important to my delegation.

First, my delegation notes the conclusions from the Secretary-General's report that the annual programme budget process became a catalyst towards more effective mandate implementation through increased engagement by programme managers, while allowing the Organization to promptly respond to new mandates and changing demands.

The pilot operation of the annual programme budget process during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that the annual budget cycle is both practical and effective in responding to crises. We look forward to a sincere and practical discussion on the annual budget process, which, I believe, contributes to the continuity of the management reform.

The burden of the UN Regular Budget has been growing as the demand for its allocation increases. It is a trend that deserves our close attention. We will closely examine ways to alleviate this burden by reallocating financial resources from non-core projects to priority ones.

Secondly, as the peace-building and sustaining peace is increasingly becoming central to the work of this Organization, it is crucial to ensure a predictable and sustainable financing of the peace-building activities. Unfortunately, this Committee was unable to reach a conclusion during the previous session. My delegation looks forward to working constructively with all stakeholders to reach a consensus on the Peace-building Fund during this session.

Lastly, given that the work and contribution of the ACABQ provides the very basis of this Committee's discussion, proper delineation of the competence and terms of reference for ACABQ is crucial for the success of this Committee and that of the UN system as a whole. In this regard, a constructive discussion on the conditions of service of the chairman, the members of the ACABQ and also the working methods of the ACABQ is very much needed. You can rest assured of my delegation's full engagement and support.

Thank you very much. /END/