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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank you, Ambassador Michel Tommo Monthe and the Bureau, for efficient management of the work of the Committee. Besides, we would also like to extend our thanks to the Secretary and the Secretariat of the Committee for their continuing support.

Mr. Chairman,

The work of the Fifth Committee was concluded successfully and Program Budget for 2012-2013 was approved as scheduled, thanks to the constructive efforts and flexibility shown by all the Member States during the negotiations. My delegation is confident that this practice will be maintained during the first part of the resumed sixty-six General Assembly session, and that we will be able to conclude our work within the scheduled three weeks in accordance with the Programme of Work .

I would also like to express our support for the efforts to improve and streamline the internal working methods of the 5th Committee. We have to work altogether as both Member States and the Secretariat to enhance and streamline the Committee's working methods. For the sake of efficient deliberation, we have to try to avoid of micromanagement and focus on strategic issues conducive to effective decision making. We may pay greater attention to the use of e-services of the Secretariat.

Mr. Chairman,

It is an undeniable right of each delegation to seek information from the Secretariat for further clarification on agenda items. Nevertheless, we also believe that the reduction in the numbers of request for additional supplementary document would be helpful in upgrading our working methods. We should avoid of keeping lengthy ^{deba} interactive dialogs on the topics which have been already covered in other main committees. In this respect, we are fully committed to cooperate with all partners on identifying possible ways of improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee for the sake of effectiveness and efficiency.

We welcome Secretariats effort to ensure timely issuance and distribution of documents. We are glad to observe improvements in this regard. However early availability of documents before discussion still remain an issue to be dealt.

Mr. Chairman

We strongly support Secretary General's Five Year Action Agenda and his efforts to improve the working environment of the Secretariat. We also support the work of the Change Management Team.

We have to strengthen the accountability within the Secretariat by promoting a culture of both institutional and personal accountability. Furthermore, in our opinion, enterprise risk management and internal control framework are also essential tools. We hope that all this initiatives including results based management are fully harmonised and integrated with each other.

Mr. Chairman

On this occasion, I would like to share our views with respect to the scale of assessment. The UN can not implement its mission effectively without sufficient resources. It is imperative that all member states meet their financial obligations in full and on time to commit the expenses of the Organization. We are currently contributing at a fair rate in line with the methodology of the regular scale and we always fully and timely honour our contribution obligations. We believe that evolving economic strength of the countries should be appropriately reflected itself in the scale of assessment process in accordance with the main principle of capacity to pay. In this respect, we are ready to assume further commitments in line with our economic dynamics.

As we all know, Member States have naturally divergent views on the several adjustment elements of the assessment methodology. So that in the main part of 66th session, Fifth Committee could not reach any consensus in an environment of counter contradicting

arguments. The proposal on the establishment of an ad-hoc intergovernmental working group to facilitate the member state efforts to attain a common understanding on the elements of assessment methodology needs further examination. At this point of time, we are not entirely convinced for a need of having another independent body on this matter.

Mr. Chairman

Lastly, let me share our delegation opinion on the developments with respect to Capital Master Plan (CMP). We are pleased to observe that there is important progress in the implementation. On this occasion, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to USG, Mrs. Angela Kane, ASG, Mr. Michael Adlerstein and their entire team for their tireless efforts in the implementation of the work program. Our delegation hope that more accurate projection of the CMP overall budgetary requirements including associated cost will be revealed by the main part of 67th session of General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

In closing, let me assure you that we are ready to cooperate with all partners in a transparent and constructive manner in order to achieve solid results at the end of the session.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman