

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow us to commend your effective leadership and guidance during the main session. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the secretariat of the Committee for their continuing support for smooth conduct of the work program.

Mr. Chairman,

This first resume session provides us with an opportunity to deliberate on the critical issues concerning effective functioning of the Organization by aiming at improving transparency, efficiency and accountability at each phase of the UN operations.

Mr. Chairman,

Before proceeding to the work program of this session, I would like to briefly touch upon on the scale of assessment issue. The General Assembly resolved on the scale of assessment for contributions of Member States to the regular budget for the period of 2013-2015. As we all know, the current methodology was kept untouched which is far from reflecting the principle of capacity to pay. We regret to notice that scale methodology could not be discussed in depth in the main part of the 67th session and the deliberation on this subject again has been postponed to up-coming terms due to the changing interests of member states in the context of cyclical movements in the world economics. Nevertheless, a comprehensive overhaul of each element of the methodology of the scale of assessment should be conducted in an expeditious and effective manner. In this respect, we hope that member states will faithfully support this process without counting on short-term comparative developments on the global economic conjuncture and the General Assembly will provide a comprehensive guideline on the elements of methodology that CoC bases its work.

Mr. Chairman,

There are a number of critical items, some of them lingering from the main session. In this respect, Turkey aligns itself with the statement made by EU Delegation. Besides, we would like to share our views on several agenda items.

Our delegation attaches great importance to the human resource reform including mobility framework and looks forward to quick conclusion of this agenda item. Meanwhile, we are still concerned with the fair and balanced geographic representation in the UN staff composition. In this regard, we urge the Secretary General to conduct an expeditious comprehensive assessment of the system of desired range to address systemic deficiencies on this issue.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that there is a pressing need to harmonize existing human resources compensation structure and to establish acceptable, consistent criteria and procedures to ensure equal treatment to all staff working in different UN organizations but especially in the same duty station. Regarding overall compensation package, a system wide approach should be adopted. The calculation methodology should include measures to simplify and modernize the system of compensation while ensuring transparency and equity on the basis of performed job.

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome the Secretary General's efforts for the establishment of an effective accountability framework on the basis of result based management with the implementation of enterprise risk management practices. We are well aware of the fact that the successful operation of an accountability framework is a real challenge in a complex and diverse organization like the UN. Effective implementation of this initiative requires the establishment of a clear link to the budgetary process and integration with other initiatives such as UMOJA and Human Resources Reform. In this respect, we look forward to further deliberation on this agenda item in due course.

Mr. Chairman,

Procurement function of the UN system should be conducted more efficiently and effectively in terms of cost and quality basis while fairness, transparency and integrity of the operations are maintained. We are glad to notice that the share of developing countries in total procurement operations is increasing and look forward to much better

geographically balanced vendor basis through the simplification of the procedures in the registration process. We support the Secretary General's efforts to set up a monitoring and oversight framework for procurement activities. We firmly believe that it could be achieved within the existent resources in consistent with ongoing UMOJA initiative.

Mr. Chairman,

In closing, let me reiterate our wish for an inclusive and efficient discussion on all agenda items. We look forward to attaining positive outcomes at the end of the session.

Thank you Mr. Chairman