



**Statement on behalf of the Member States
of the European Union**

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

At the outset, I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, the Bureau and the Secretary of the Committee and her team, as well as other members of the Secretariat who have provided assistance to the Committee during this session, for their invaluable support. Let me also reiterate that the Member States of the European Union remain committed to peacekeeping, a flagship activity of the United Nations. We highly value the partnership between the UN Secretariat, troop contributing and host countries, and financial contributors that make UN peacekeeping unique.

We are glad to see that as a result of joint efforts and intensive negotiations, the General Assembly managed to reach a consensus on all outstanding issues on the agenda of the second resumed session of the Fifth Committee. Could I ask you, Mr. Chairman, also to transmit our gratitude to Chief of Cabinet, Ms. Susana Malcorra, for the special effort she made to make this outcome possible. The outcome of our intense negotiations ensures that peacekeeping missions are provided with the necessary financial resources to continue their operations. It has been of fundamental importance for the Member States European Union that the principle of consensual decision making on all resource related issues has – in the end - not been compromised. This principle is essential for the future of peacekeeping as well as wider UN budgetary matters. We are nevertheless extremely disappointed that agreement had to be reached under the threat of a vote, which called into question the well-established working method of consensual decision-making on all resource related matters.

We would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman and Miss Elina Lemmety-Hartoneva for your stewardship, patience and hard work during this and previous sessions and I would also like to thank all those who are leaving this year, including many EU colleagues, for their hard work, which is what makes the Fifth Committee special.

Thank you.