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Madam Chair,

First and foremost, at the conclusion of the second resumed session, I would like to express my congratulations for the work we have achieved during this session.

My delegation has been positively engaged in the negotiations in a constructive manner, with honesty and showing necessary flexibility throughout. We are glad also to see the constructive engagement and flexibility of the other Member States as well, leading us to the conclusion of this session. While acknowledging each other's differences in the negotiations, we, as diplomats, have been respectful to each other and have explored earnestly a creative solution on which all sides are able to stand together. My delegation would like to thank all the coordinators who successfully facilitated the negotiations to their conclusion.

Madam Chair,

The total level for the 2017/18 PKO budgets of 6.814 billion US dollars is the result of the negotiations among us, the Member States. With regard to cross-cutting issues, while adopting two resolutions on COE and SEA, this Committee has decided not to have an overview resolution. Nonetheless, we sincerely trust that the Secretary-General will demonstrate the utmost prudence in the use of allocated assessed resources and ensure that they are used for adequate purpose, strictly adhering to the intention of the intergovernmental bodies in a correct and precise manner.

Madam Chair,

My delegation believes that such prudent use of allocated assessed resources by the Secretariat, strictly adhering to budgetary discipline, is a key for increasing the efficiency, cost-effectiveness and accountability in management of peacekeeping operations. This not only

applies to the peacekeeping budgets, but to the regular budget as well. In the upcoming main session, my delegation looks forward to scrutinizing any requirements by the Secretariat in the same manner, reiterating once again that the assessed budget is always borne by the taxpayers of the Member States.

I thank you, Madam Chair.