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Statement by the Chinese Delegation at the Fifth Committee Meeting

on Management Reform

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Distinguished Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Secretary General Guterres,

Fellow delegates,

China wishes to thank Secretary General Guterres for his introduction to the report on management reform and Mr. Massieu, Chairman of the ACABQ, for his introduction to the review report of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the first time that I speak at the main session of the Fifth Committee, I would like to congratulate you on your assumption of the chairmanship and look forward to the completion by the Fifth Committee of its work of the main session under your leadership.

China associates itself with the statement by Ecuador on behalf of the G77 and China and would like to make some additional observations on the management reform of the United Nations.

First, generally speaking, China supports the effort of the Secretary General for management reform. As a huge organization more than 70 years old with 193 member states and nearly 40,000 staff members, the United Nations must maintain its nimble and efficient functioning through meaningful reform and adjustment in order to respond to new situations and challenges more effectively and play a more active role in maintaining peace and promoting

development. Therefore, China appreciates the wisdom, courage and sense of responsibility of the Secretary General in pushing for management reform.

Secondly, management reform must adhere to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and be driven by member states. There is a need to strengthen the mutual trust between the member states and the Secretary General so as to support the latter in his fulfillment of his responsibilities. On the part of the Secretariat, it should effectively enhance its internal capacity building and strengthen accountability to the member states. In delegating authority within the Secretariat, it is necessary to ensure the alignment of responsibility with authority and the soundness of planning and arrangements. This process should be advanced in a gradual and steady manner.

Thirdly, management reform must continue to follow the established procedures and rules. Since the very beginning of the reform, the Secretary General has maintained a transparent and inclusive approach and fully listened to the views of all sides. This has achieved very good results. China hopes that the management reform will continue to be guided by the principle of openness, transparency and consensus, respect and appropriately address the concerns of all sides, and seek the widest possible consensus.

Fourthly, management reform must accommodate the legitimate concerns of the developing countries. We hope that the reform will result in an increase of resource input in development, a reinforcement of the function of the development pillar and an enhancement of the capacity to implement the SDGs. The underrepresentation of the developing countries in the Secretariat staff composition must be effectively addressed so as to increase the substantive participation of the developing countries in the UN affairs.

Mr. Chairman,

After this meeting, the Fifth Committee will turn to informal consultations on the item of management reform. China will take a constructive part in the discussion and actively contribute to the success of the current session.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.