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**Statement by Ambassador Nabeel Munir, Charges d'affaires
of Pakistan on Shifting the Management Paradigm in the
United Nations: ensuring a better future for all at the Main
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Mr. President,

It is my great pleasure to see you presiding over this meeting today.

We thank the Secretary-General for introducing the reports on the United Nations Management reforms.

We also appreciate the Chair of the ACABQ for presentation of its report.

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement delivered by Ecuador, on behalf of the G-77 and China.

Mr. President,

Over the past years, there have been a litany of complaints from Member States questioning the efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization. And many of these complaints carry weight.

Pakistan, in this regard, would like to commend the Secretary-General and his team for carrying out a consultative process, listening to our concerns and trying to make the organization more nimble, efficient, and accountable.

Mr. President,

A changing world means small and medium sized States, especially those from the global south now have the potential to deliver in international affairs as well as the UN System. Their commitment to the UN Charter; their willingness to implement UN resolutions; their participation and contribution to UN Peacekeeping; their desire to have recourse to pacific settlement of dispute; and last but not the least, their resilience to combat challenges of 21st century like terrorism, climate change and refugees and migrants are a proof of that.

Mr. President,

On the proposals on Management Reforms, my delegation would like to highlight the following key points:

One, streamlining processes and procedures should not undermine the oversight role of the General Assembly and other Inter-governmental bodies, including the ACABQ and the CPC. Their role is critical to ensuring transparency and accountability;

Two, any introspection and mandate review exercise should be based on lessons learnt and cost benefit analysis of past policy changes in the UN system;

Three, outcome of these reform proposals should protect legitimate interests of all Member States, including those of the developing countries;

Four, Management Reform should not be seen in isolation. It is part of the broader reform initiative and should be conceived as such. We would be interested to have more information on the potential impacts of these reform proposals on geographical

representation, desirable ranges, procurement activities, and on TCCs.

In conclusion, Mr. President, let me reaffirm that Pakistan remains steadfast in its commitment to comprehensive UN Management reform, and is ready to work closely and constructively with the Secretary-General to make this organization strong, agile and fit for purpose.

I thank you.