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Statement by Counselor Daopeng FU of the Permanent Mission of China to
the UN on the Organization of Work at the Fifth Committee of the 72nd
Session of the General Assembly
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Mr. Chairman:

The Chinese delegation congratulates you on your election as the chairman of the Fifth Committee. We thank the bureau, Sharon and her team in the Secretariat as well as ACABQ for their preparations for the regular session of the Fifth committee of the 72nd GA. On the organization of work of this session, we support the statement made by Ecuador on behalf of G77 and China. China would like to make the following additional observations:

This year is the budget year, when the Fifth committee will consider and decide on the program budget for the biennium 2018-2019. It is also a year of reform during which the Secretary General will push forward reforms in peace and security, the development system and the UN management. The budget report plus the issue of reform makes the work of this session both onerous and significant.

With regards to the program budget for the biennium, China believes that financial resources constitute the foundation and an important support for the governance of the UN and the program budget for the biennium 2018-2019 serves as the resource base for the UN to perform its functions and play its role in the coming two years. The biennial budget should be set at a level that ensures the

smooth fulfillment by the UN of its various functions and mandates. Meanwhile, it is necessary to control the budget size, follow strict financial discipline and improve utilization efficiency. We hope that all parties will work in the spirit of democratic consultation and win-win cooperation, and formulate a reasonable program budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

With regards to the UN management reform, China wishes to express its general support for the Secretary General's effort to advance the management reform. The management reform should always be led by the Member States and aim at improving efficiency and increasing the role of the UN in maintaining world peace and promoting common development and international cooperation. China is carefully studying the report by the Secretary General. We look forward to enhancing cooperation and conducting in-depth discussions with various parties in a joint effort to push the UN management reform steadily forward.

We have also noted that with such a heavy agenda for this session, we continue to face the problem of delays in document availability. It is our hope that the Secretariat can prepare and circulate documents in a timely manner so as to provide strong support to the consultations of the committee. We also hope that parties will engage in practical cooperation to improve efficiency in a joint effort to complete the consideration of all agenda items within the scheduled time frame.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation will work with other delegations and continue to participate in the consultations on all agenda items in an active and constructive manner. We trust that under your leadership, this session will reach a successful conclusion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.