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**Statement by the Chinese Delegation at the
First Part of the Resumed Session of the Fifth Committee
of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly on Procurement
activities in the United Nations Secretariat
March 15, 2019**

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation thanks _____ of the Secretariat for the presentation on the procurement activities in the United Nations Secretariat. My delegation also thanks Mr. Cihan Terzi, Chairman of ACABQ, for his introduction of the report of the Advisory Committee. The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement by the representative of Palestine on behalf of the G-77 and China and would like to make some additional comments.

Procurement is one of the major expenditures of the UN Secretariat. In 2017, the total value of procurement by the Secretariat reached \$3 billion USD, which makes it more important to strengthen the management of procurement activities. At a time when management reform is being implemented at the UN, departments of the Secretariat related to procurement activities should strengthen coordination so as to fully control the cost of procurement at a reasonable level while fulfilling the mandates.

China has noticed that, direct procurement by the Secretariat from developing countries accounted for only 38.7% of the total value in

2017. China supports the Secretariat to adopt more practical measures to broaden procurement channels and increase direct procurement from developing countries. There should be regular reviews on direct procurement from developing countries with a view to improving the work in this respect. The procurement process should be improved to ensure timeliness and transparency of procurement and enhance accountability.

We have taken note of the views by the Advisory Committee on the procurement report and its recommendations, which can provide importance reference for the discussions at the Fifth Committee. We will seek more information during the informal consultations.

The Chinese delegation will join other Member States in consultations in an active and constructive manner, so that we can conclude this item on time and smoothly.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.