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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I wish to thank Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, for the comprehensive presentation provided last week on the Financial Situation of the United Nations. We highly appreciate her strong leadership, her dedication and her decisive actions at the helm of DMSPC.

Morocco aligns itself with the statement made by Guyana on behalf of G77 and China and Botswana on behalf of the African Group and would like to make the following comments.

Mr. Chair,

Morocco would like to express its support to the efforts and proposals of the Secretary General to achieve financial stability and predictability for our organization and welcomes the measures taken by the Secretariat in January 2019 to align expenditures with cash inflows.

Morocco also welcomes the adoption of the resolution **73/307**, based on the Secretary-General's proposals to improve the financial situation of the United Nations, which provided improvement in the overall liquidity of active peacekeeping operations.

Morocco fully shares the concerns of the Secretary-General contained in his letters to Member States in January and March 2020 about the ongoing liquidity crisis of the Organization in relation to the regular budget and peacekeeping operations.

The UN budgetary situation remains a source of our concern, the year 2019 ended with an unprecedented level of unpaid assessments, amounting to \$711 million, the highest level in the past ten years, further exacerbating an already alarming situation. We all, collectively and individually, need to exert all our efforts to overcome this difficult and challenging situation, exacerbated by the multifaceted COVID -19 crisis. We believe that proposals made during recent months by the Secretary General offer strong solutions and opportunities to address the current difficult financial situation.

Mr. Chair,

Last year, Morocco did respond positively to the appeal of the Secretary General and has completely settled all his arrears for a total of 3,173,011.30 USD.

Morocco has met its commitment by paying its assessed contribution to the regular budget of 2020 and a large part of its contribution to peacekeeping operations budget and will continue to do so.

We are all aware that the best solution to address the liquidity problem is for all Member States to pay their assessments in full and in a timely manner.

Mr. Chair,

Finally, I would like to reiterate my delegation's full commitment to work constructively in a collective and inclusive effort towards resolving the financial situation of the organization.

Thank you.