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My delegation pays tribute to the uniformed and civilian women and men who serve the United Nations in its many operations around the world. We honor those who have given their lives in the cause of peace, and those who continue to risk their lives, particularly in the current global crisis of COVID-19.

We thank the UN Controller, Mr. Chandru Ramanathan, as well as Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong, Chair of the ACABQ, for producing their respective reports. I would further thank Lionel Berridge and his team, along along with all of the staff who support our negotiations.

We are carefully examining the Secretary-General's 2020/2021 budget request of \$6.7 billion for 11 peacekeeping operations, as well as six months of funding for UNAMID given the impending change of mandate. We are conscious of the uncertainty and the potential implications for the proposed peacekeeping budgets for 2020/2021 due the global COVID pandemic. However, I urge delegations to remain

committed to critically examining peacekeeping proposals and to take decisions based on reasoned analysis and predictions. This is not the first time where UN peacekeeping missions have faced uncertainty, and it will not be the last. The Secretariat has at its disposal a number of budgetary tools to adapt in times of uncertainty, tools that it has used frequently in past years, that do not require requesting additional funding.

Furthermore, with the implementation of the Secretary-General's management reforms fully underway, we expect to see better alignment of resources with the needs on the ground. We further expect greater clarity and transparency in how resources are linked to mandated tasks and impact-based performance measurement, and what challenges missions encounter in using their resources efficiently. We look forward to discussing mission resource issues, as well as the recommendations of the 2020 Contingent Owned Equipment Working Group, in the coming weeks.

But we cannot consider the resources for peacekeeping operations in isolation from the administrative and budgetary policies that guide those operations. For the last three sessions, this Committee has been unable to reach consensus on a cross-cutting policy resolution. Our continued inability to provide this guidance is an abdication of our responsibilities to UN peacekeeping. There are critical administrative and budgetary aspects to many UN peacekeeping policies that require our action, including: the integrated performance policy framework, efforts to ensure safety and security of UN peacekeepers, service delivery to missions and to troop-and police-contributing countries, addressing sexual exploitation and abuse, and environmental safeguards.

We recognize the difficulties of virtual negotiations and I would like to commend the Committee for its positive work in the first resumed session, despite these circumstances. My delegation will continue to

engage constructively on the critical resource and policy issues before us to achieve consensus decisions: even the most difficult ones. The spirit and integrity of this Committee rests upon consensus and we urge all delegations to work to achieve this: even when it is challenging.

It is essential that we, as a Committee, speak with one voice in providing the important strategic guidance and direction to the women and men who serve UN peacekeeping around the world.

Thank you.

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