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The United Kingdom would like to thank Ms Vivian van de Perre and Mr Abdallah Bachar Bong, Chair of the ACABQ, for their respective reports. We would also like to thank the Chair of the Fifth Committee and the Fifth Committee Secretariat for their work in facilitating this hybrid session.

Mr Chair

I'd like to use this opportunity to pay tribute to the resilience and commitment of the personnel of United Nations Special Political Missions given the new difficulties introduced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the challenging environments in which many of them work and their crucial responsibilities. The UK continues to be committed to ensuring that all these Missions are adequately and cost-effectively resourced in support of full delivery of their important mandates.

Mr Chair

The work done by Special Political Missions shows that progress can be made even in the most challenging of circumstances as evidenced recently by UNSMIL's success in facilitating a ceasefire agreement and political talks in Libya. As well as adequate, cost-effective financing in support of full delivery of mandates, successful outcomes also require effective performance management, and strategic integration with other UN entities in their country and region. We welcome the important role played by the UN management, and peace and security architecture reforms in this regard.

Mr Chair

The UK delegation looks forward to working collaboratively within the Committee on this important item.