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**Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco**  
**Agenda item 143: Improving the financial situation**  
**of the United Nations.**

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**Conference Room 2**  
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate your Excellency Mr. Carlos Amorín, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations, on your appointment as the Fifth Committee's Chair. I would also like to extend my congratulations to all the Members of the Bureau on the assumption of their new roles and responsibilities. I assure you of the full support of the Kingdom of Morocco during your tenure of office and as you fulfill the mandate of the Committee.

Let me also thank Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy, and Compliance, for the comprehensive overview of the evolution of the cash situation for all three categories of the budget of United Nations, provided last week. We deeply acknowledge and highly appreciate her strong leadership, commitment, and decisive actions at the helm of DMSPC.

We also appreciate the Secretariat's efforts for providing information about the financial situation of the United Nations, on time to the Member States with the highest transparency.

The Kingdom of Morocco aligns itself with the statement made by Guyana on behalf of G77 and China, and would like to make the following comments.

Mr. Chair,

The Kingdom of Morocco reiterates its deep concerns as the United Nations faces the worst liquidity crisis in recent years. I would like also to express our support to the efforts and proposals of the Secretary General to achieve financial stability and predictability for our organization.

The Kingdom of Morocco fully shares the Secretary-General's concerns contained in his letters to the Member States in January, March, and August 2020 about the Organization's deepening liquidity crisis, especially about the regular budget of 2020. 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, The Kingdom of Morocco did respond positively to the appeal of the Secretary General and has completely settled all its arrears in the peacekeeping budget the only ones that were remaining for all budgets.

The Kingdom of Morocco has met its commitment for 2020 by paying its assessed contributions to the regular budget, International Tribunals and almost all its contribution to peacekeeping operations budget and will continue to do so.

We are all aware that the financial health of the Organization depends on Member States meeting their financial obligations in full and on time. It is also a prerequisite to allow the Organization to implement the mandates that the member states net forth.

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.

I thank you.