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Thank you, Mr Chair.

The United Kingdom would like to express its thanks to the President of the General Assembly for addressing us today.

We also express our thanks to Mr Chandramouli Ramanathan for presenting the Secretary General's report and Mr Abdallah Bachar Bong, Chair of the ACABQ, for speaking to the Advisory Committee's reports and recommendations.

Mr Chair, Special Political Missions play an essential role in delivering the goals of the UN Charter. We extend our recognition and thanks to the personnel who work tirelessly to achieve these goals, especially at the present time, in a context of pressures resulting from both Covid-19 and liquidity challenges.

In the session ahead, it is the Committee's responsibility to provide adequate, cost effective resourcing in support of full delivery of all aspects of the mandates of special political missions, including those mandate requirements related to human rights, gender, protection of civilians, safety & security, and environmental protection.

Yesterday was the annual debate on Women Peace and Security, held on the 21st anniversary of UNSCR 1325, and the UK will shortly host COP26 in Glasgow. These are timely reminders that women's participation and climate action can and should be mainstreamed across all the work of the UN, including SPMs. Doing so will make SPMs more effective in delivering their mandates, protecting peace, and playing their part in meeting the Secretary-General's Climate Action Plan targets.

Finally Mr Chair, as supporters of a modernised and efficient One UN, we welcome efforts to support SPMs working collaboratively and coherently with other UN entities in country and the region, and continue to encourage greater cooperation. We are pleased to see SPMs reaping benefits from the Secretary-General's reforms, working more effectively and efficiently to increase their agility and impact on the ground.

We look forward to engaging constructively with all Members on this important item.

Thank you, Mr Chair.