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**Agenda item 142: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the  
expenses of the UN**

**Agenda item 149: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses  
of the UN PKOs**

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Mr. Chair,

I would first like to thank Ambassador Bernardo Greiver, Chair of the Committee on Contributions, and Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, for introducing their respective reports.

Mr. Chair,

For decades, Japan has shouldered and will continue to shoulder a significant rate of assessment. As one of the major financial contributors to the United Nations, Japan attaches great importance to the scale of assessments. Assessed contributions are the backbone of the United Nations, without which the Organization cannot deliver its mandate effectively and properly.

According to Article 17 of the UN charter, as well as relevant General Assembly resolutions, all Member States share the responsibility to financially support the United Nations, and my delegation is firmly of the view that we should respect and maintain the basic principle that each Member State should pay its assessed contribution according to its capacity to pay. Japan is proud to have continuously fulfilled our responsibility by paying all its assessments in full.

Mr. Chair,

This main session is particularly important, as we will discuss the scale of assessments in this challenging time of pandemic. In this connection, I would like to appreciate immense efforts of the members of the Committee on Contributions to present the latest report of the Committee, reflecting the recent changes in the economic realities of each Member State. The methodology, by fully taking into account the changing global economy, needs to better reflect each Member State's real capacity to pay in a more equitable manner, based on the most current, comprehensive, and comparable data available.

Mr. Chair,

In addition to the principle of capacity to pay, I would like to reiterate our longstanding position that the scale of assessments for UN peacekeeping operations should take into consideration the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council. This general principle underlying the financing of the PKOs should be borne in mind in connection with their contributions to the financing of peace and security operations. This principle should be maintained and should not be attenuated.

Finally, with regard to the application of Article 19 of the UN Charter, my delegation sees the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions regarding exemptions to the Article's application as appropriate. We fully endorse them and encourage those Member States with significant arrears to consider submitting and updating multi-year payment plans as recommended by the Committee.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.