



Statement on behalf of the Member states of the European Union

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Mr. Chair

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Serbia* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, align themselves with this statement.

At the outset, I would like to thank Mr. Larbi Djacta, Chair of the International Civil Service Commission, for introducing the Commission's report for the year 2021, as well as Mr Chandru Ramanathan, Controller and Assistant Secretary-General, and Mr Conrod Hunte, Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for introducing their respective reports.

Mr. Chair,

I would like to underline the continued appreciation of the Member States of the European Union for the crucial role of the International Civil Service Commission. We highly value its work, which we believe is essential to enhancing the effective functioning of the UN Common System. The Common System continues to be the bedrock on which we endeavour to safeguard an equitable and transparent system for all staff of the Organisation, and the EU Member States attach great value to its continuity and integrity.

In that spirit, we look forward to reviewing and discussing the observations and recommendations made by the Commission, including those made in the context of the comprehensive assessment on the compensation package for the United Nations Common System. As this constitutes the first review of the General Assembly since 2015, we believe it is an important time for Member States to take stock, comprehensively assess the numerous parameters of the package and discuss, if and where needed, how to further adjust and strengthen the compensation system to ensure it continues to serve its objectives in an equitable, transparent and cost-effective manner.

Let me assure you, Mr. Chair, of the EU Member States' commitment to engage constructively with all colleagues in the upcoming informal consultations.

* The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.