



## **BANGLADESH**

**Statement by Her Excellency Ms. Rabab Fatima  
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at the Fifth Committee on Organization of Work  
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**Mr. Chair,**

I warmly congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election. We are confident that under your able stewardship, we will have a fruitful session.

Bangladesh aligns itself with the statement made by the Republic of Guinea on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

**Mr. Chair,**

We are meeting amidst the second year of the devastating pandemic. The pandemic exposed our fragility and lack of preparedness to face the complexities of the challenges facing us. The UN was on the frontline of the global response to Covid-19 and recovery efforts. Resource constraints however, proved to be an impediment at times for the UN to deliver, reminding us of the need for scaling up and keeping provisions for emergency responses. It was demonstrated yet again that sound financial health is the key to the

smooth functioning of the UN, and for the efficient and timely delivery of its mandated work.

Now more than ever, we must ensure that the organization is fitted with adequate resources. A well-planned budget and its effective implementation are critical in this regard. Financing of the budget of the United Nations entirely depends on contribution by its member States. We reiterate G77's principled position on assessed contribution. Member States, therefore, should meet their financial obligations to the organization in full and on time in accordance with their Charter obligations. And in this regard, we remain committed to paying our assessed contribution to the organization, regularly and on time.

**Mr. Chair,**

The Covid-19 pandemic still poses formidable challenges to the organization for the effective and efficient delivery of its mandates. As we consider the proposed budget of the organization for 2022, we should take into account the impact of the pandemic on its operations, and ensure sufficient allocation and smooth financial flow, so that it can continue its regular programmes unhindered, while also carrying out effectively its pandemic response efforts.

**Mr. Chair,**

Genuine budgetary discipline is essential for the UN to be efficient and effective. We expect the Secretariat to utilize the resources entrusted to it in a cost-effective, efficient and rational manner, and keep the member States informed on a regular basis, and maintain utmost transparency in its reporting.

**Mr. Chair,**

We are confident that under your able leadership, the Fifth Committee will be able to maintain its tradition of consensus-based decision-making principle on the allocated agenda items during this session as well. We expect delegations to demonstrate flexibility and engage constructively during the deliberations of the Committee to ensure the timely conclusion of its work.

You can count on my delegation's full support to all your efforts for a productive session.

I thank you Mr. Chair.

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