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Statement by

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**I heartily congratulate you on your assumption as
Chair of the Fifth Committee, and all the newly elected
members of the Bureau.**

**Norway looks forward to supporting you in the work
of this very important committee.**

**Allow me also to extend our gratitude for the work of
the Secretariat; and the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)-
your contributions remain crucial for the successful
completion of our programme of work.**

Chair,

2020 was a challenging year for all of us, including the UN.

The pandemic has jeopardised many of the gains made, and put additional pressures on the UN system.

Nevertheless, the organization has been able to deliver on its mandates in areas such as peace and security, sustainable development, and human rights.

This goes to show that we must continue focusing on delivery.

Chair,

Norway is a strong supporter of the Secretary-General's reform agenda.

Which not only ensures better processes in the UN, but acts as a catalyst for better mandate delivery in the field.

This is particularly important in building back better after the pandemic.

We applaud the Secretary-General's report, "Our Common Agenda", and his call for a stronger, more networked, and inclusive multilateral system, anchored within the United Nations.

We must continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure a UN that is fit for purpose.

Chair,

The regular budget is a key enabler for mandate delivery.

While we continue to promote results-based management in UN institutions-adequate resources, and flexibility to fulfil the mandates we have given, are key to ensure a relevant UN.

This extends to the UN human rights system- which is hampered by persistent under-funding- as well as the UN development system, oversight mechanisms, and the peacekeeping operations.

Finally Chair,

The core value of the Fifth Committee is to work tirelessly towards consensus.

And we remain committed to engage on this basis.

Thank you!