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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to congratulate you and all the members of the Bureau for their election and I assure you of my delegation's full support for your work.

Mr. Chair,

This June, the member states signaled our continued support for the Secretary-General's reform efforts in management, peace and security, and development areas by unanimously reelecting the Secretary-General for a second-term. At the starting point of our discussion on the 2022 budget, I would like to reiterate my delegation's full support for the Secretary-General's reform efforts and our commitment to engage constructively with everyone during the discussion, including the issue of the management reform. In this regards, I would like to highlight key areas that are particularly important to my delegation.

The 76<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly is a consequential one as we enter the final phase of the daunting trial of annual budget cycle. My delegation would like to stress that the essence of the United Nations' reform efforts - to make the Organization more effective, efficient, and more accountable - be fully incorporated throughout the budget negotiation process. Also, my delegation wishes to see the lessons learned in the process of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to increase the efficiency of the Organization.

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On the scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN, I would like to highly appreciate the work of the Committee on Contribution (CoC), which provides us with a valuable foundation to our discussion on how to update and modernize the scale of assessment. The assessment is not only a responsibility to take financially, but also the most fundamental and noble contribution a member state can make in order to achieve our common and shared goal of maintaining and promoting international peace and security. My delegation is firmly of the view that this shared and equitable responsibility has to be based on the member states' 'capacity to pay' and on the most current, comprehensive and comparable data available.

We believe that the establishment of the Global Service Delivery Model (GSDM) should be guided by its original purpose of providing a quality service to the Organization with the most efficient utilization of resources. It should be discussed in a manner that aims to provide qualified services with minimum cost. My delegation would like to also underscore the importance of full transparency in the selection of the GSDM location.

Finally Mr. Chair,

Although we are still working under restricted circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, my delegation firmly believes that under your leadership and the support of the Secretariat, this Committee will be able reach a successful conclusion in a timely manner.

Thank you.