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Permanent Mission to the United Nations

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STATEMENT BY MS NORFARINA MOHD AZMEE, COUNSELLOR  
REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA ON AGENDA ITEM 133 AND 134 :  
PROGRAMME BUDGET 2010-2011, AND PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET  
2012-2013 – CAPITAL MASTER PLAN AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE 66<sup>TH</sup>  
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK,  
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to thank Mr. Michael Alameddine, Assistant Secretary-General,  
Executive Director of the Capital Master Plan (CMP), Ms. María Eugenia Casar,  
Assistant Secretary-General/ Controller, Mr. Hugh O'Farrell, Director of the External  
Audit of the Audit Operations Committee, Mr. Mario Baez, Chief of the Policy and the  
Overnight Coordination Service, Mr. Colin Kelsley, Chairman of the ACABQ, and Mr.  
Carman Lapointe, Under Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, for the  
comprehensive briefings and introduction to the Committee on the respective reports on  
CMP.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation acknowledges the significant progress of the CMP during the past  
the construction in the Secretariat Building, the replacement of asbestos and the removal  
of obsolete materials from the Secretariat and Conference Buildings, as well as other  
related implementation of the civil project. My delegation however, remains concerned  
with regard to the completion of the five-year project that was supposed to be  
mid-2014 and the costs overrun of 4 per cent above the current revised budget  
approved by the General Assembly.

My delegation maintains its full support for the successful completion of the ACABQ  
ensure transparency in the procurement activities and that the associated costs need to  
be addressed in a timely manner. We also believe that it would be imperative for the  
Secretary-General to constantly engage with Member States to report on the overall  
status of the project, as well as to explore every possible opportunity for implementing  
improved cost-efficiency measures. Towards this, I would suggest that more outreach  
activities should be conducted to allow companies from the developing world to

allow the overall cost of the CMP to be lowered, and the issue of costs overrun would be resolved.

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the view that Member States should continue to work on these costs to implement  
further reduction and possible absorption.

5 Malaysia will continue to support the need to ensure adequate funding for the  
work of the CMP. We also fully recognize that it is pivotal for the overall timescale for  
the CMP project to be carried out and completed within the projected time, without any  
significant additional risks or further cost increases and delays. In light of this, it is our  
hope that transparency and accountability amongst the United Nations Secretariat and  
Offices concerned will be enhanced that would ensure a more safe, secured and  
confident environment in the United Nations headquarters.

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Thank you.