



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Mr. Chairman,

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

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland+ and Serbia, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this declaration.

At the outset, let me thank Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary General for Management, for his presentation on 11 October and his update today, which contained useful information on the financial situation of the United Nations and on how member states fulfil their obligations under the United Nations Charter to contribute to the financial expenses of the Organisation.

We wish to reiterate in this regard that it is the responsibility of each member state to pay its assessed contributions in full, on time and without conditions, while budgetary responsibilities have to be shared among member states in a fair and equitable way. We would also like to underline that, on the part of the Organisation, effective and efficient

