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Mr. Chairman, it is my honor and privilege to speak on behalf of CARICOM, in respect of the deliberations of The Fifth Committee

specifically regarding agenda item 145 - the Scale of Assessments for the Apportionment of the Expenses of the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

that per capita GDP/GNI should not be used as the predominant measure in determining the levels of assessment for peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Chairman, CARICOM opposes any attempt towards the further graduation of dayslaping countries or the alimination of

Level C. These actions in fact defy the consistent application of the principle of 'capacity to pay' and the concept of fair and just burden sharing.

Mr. Chairman, CARICOM, NAM and the G77 and China have

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