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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland+ and Serbia*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, Armenia, and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

At the outset, I would like to thank Ms María Eugenia Casar for introducing the Sixth Progress Report

At the same time, IPSAS implementation is not a goal in itself. Its implementation should lead to new

information under IPSAS as a platform for improved accountability, transparency, control and financial sustainability, as well as more cost-effective decision-making and delivery of vital services. This is all the more important given the fiscal and economic constraints and increased financial risks facing UN entities.