

Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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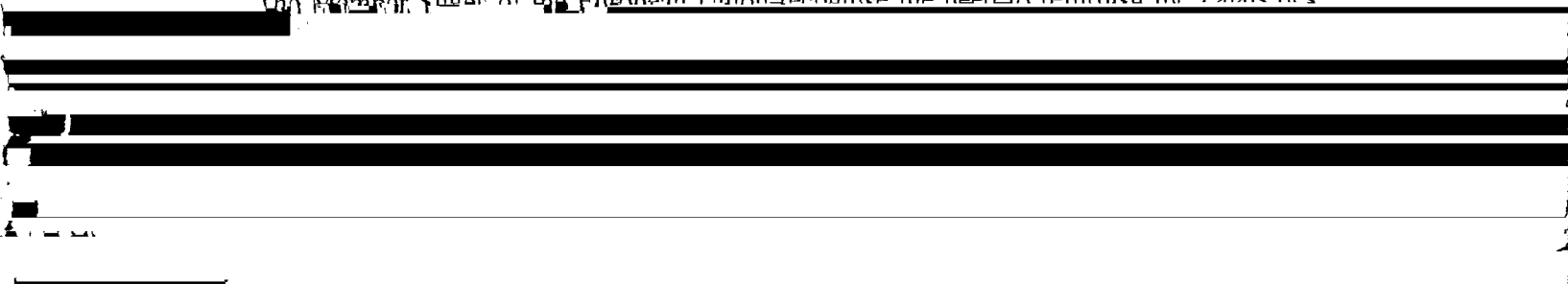
Mr. Chairman,

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


I would like to thank Under-Secretary General for Management, Mr. Yukio Takasu, for introducing the report of the Secretary General on the Strategic Heritage Plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva, contained in document A/68/372. Our thanks also go to the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for introducing the related report of that committee, contained in document A/68/585.

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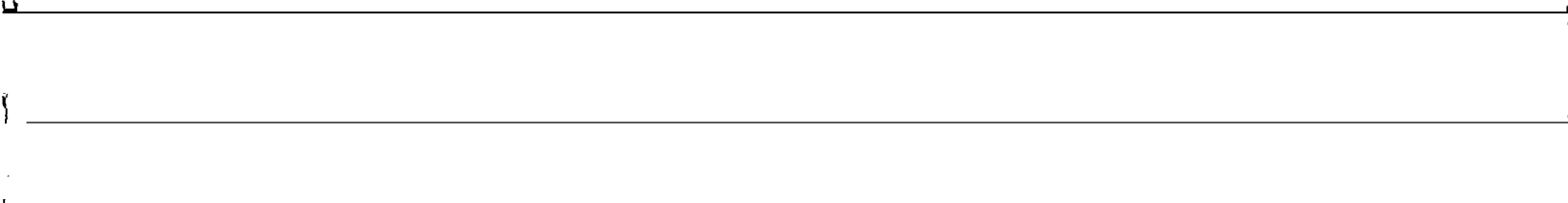
The Member States of the European Union recognise the need to refurbish the Palais des



Nations to ensure that structural deficiencies are rapidly addressed. That said, an important



priority will be to ensure this is done in the most cost-efficient way.



not be taken into account at the beginning of the CMP project; we therefore welcome the
recommendation by the ACAD that the Secretary General should continue the current

Rest assured Mr. Chairman that the Member States of the European Union are looking forward to discussing these issues further with all other Member States as well as the Secretariat in the upcoming informal consultations.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.