



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN**

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yet to be acted on by this Committee.

6 The delay is partly due to the chronically late introduction of SPM budgets. Today's introduction, for example, is taking place after the session was supposed to have ended. The habitual late introduction of budgets hinders substantive consideration of SPM funding and backstopping although the reports on the latter have been outstanding since 2011. ASEAN is deeply concerned by this unnecessary impact. If a satisfactory outcome on funding and backstopping is still not achieved in this session, ASEAN proposes delinking future consideration of this topic from the introduction of SPM budgets.

7 The main cause of delay, however, is the lack of meaningful engagement by some delegations on the ACABQ's recommendations, particularly the creation of a separate account for SPMs. ASEAN believes that a separate account aligned with the PKO budget cycle would benefit SPMs. One, the current format of the biennial programme budget is ill suited to SPMs, which

are created or expanded at any time within a biennium. Two, synchronised SPM and PKO budget cycles would facilitate transitions from one form of mission to another. Three, field-based SPMs are already planned and managed using PKO models and alignment with the peacekeeping budget cycle is logical.

8 ASEAN emphasises that the creation of a separate account is indivisible from other measures improving SPM funding and backstopping. A separate SPMs account synchronised with the PKO budget cycle facilitates the implementation of other proposals regarding transfer between SPMs and

membership. This will allow responsibility and power to be distributed in a way that is more equitable for everyone. The general membership of the UN should not be unduly taxed if they have inadequate representation in the decisions of the Security Council.

10 ASEAN Member States look forward to discussing all proposed measures on funding and backstopping of SPMs. Thank you Mr Chairman.