
**Remarks by Stephen Lieberman,
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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

We were pleased to join the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) once again, and while we did not participate in this past session, we look forward to working with our distinguished colleagues this fall in examining how to enhance the CPC's important role in improving the effectiveness and strategic focus of the

issuing recommendations that deal with the technical weaknesses of the current process, so member states are better equipped to hold the secretariat accountable.

We would also like to see the CPC fulfill its mandate by identifying which programs, subprograms, and program elements are obsolete or are of marginal usefulness. The CPC has the benefit of a panoramic view of the entire strategic framework and is in an excellent position to seek these types of efficiencies as well as identify areas of overlap or duplication across the system.

At a time of budgetary constraints, it is imperative that we optimize the use of resources, but the benefits of eliminating duplicative mandates extends beyond financial savings. Identifying areas of overlap allows the organization to promote programmatic and organizational synergies, ultimately ensuring better coordinated service delivery to the people who benef-4.58899(i)3.97434(v)]TJ485.23605(29203(t).27220(e)-
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