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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank H.E. Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary General for Management, for providing a comprehensive overview of the financial situation ofthe United Nations. I wish to briefly outline my delegation's views on this issue.

First of all, it is the responsibility of every Member State to pay its assessment, in
full and in a timely manner, pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations. The Government of Japan has faithfully fulfilled its obligation in spite ofthe great financial burdens we face. Japan's determination to play an active role in maintaining international peace and prosperity remains unchanged and Japan will faithfully implement its international commitments.

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