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**STATEMENT BY MR PETER LEE, DELEGATE TO THE 68TH SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ITEM 136: FINANCIAL
SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(New York, 17 October 2013)**

1. Thank you, Mr Chairman. First and foremost, allow me to congratulate you and your colleagues on your election to the Fifth Committee Bureau. My delegation is confident that you will steer the committee towards completing the session successfully and on schedule.
2. My delegation would also like to thank Mr Yukio Takasu, Under Secretary-General for Management for his briefing on the financial situation of the United Nations (UN) last Wednesday.

Mr Chairman,

3. My delegation aligns itself with the statement Fiji made on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. We applaud the conscientious efforts of those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions to the UN on time, in full and without conditions. As we hope that more Member States would be able to exercise their diligence to pay their assessed contributions on time, we also

