



the significant budget growth over the last decade. This effect has been magnified in

Second, in resolutions 40/244 from 1985 and 43/226 from 1988, the GA gave the ICSC
the mandate to manage the moratorium in cooperation with the Maltese in the

Just as the GA set the policy goal, we should in this session provide the ICSC guidance on the single issue that the methodology does not clearly resolve: the duration over which this action should take place. We maintain that a downward correction should take place over a short duration to give common system organizations immediate relief. Simply put, the shorter the duration, the faster common system organizations can redirect what are—by the GA's own rules—overpayments to UN professionals to strengthen existing mandates.

Mr. Chairman,

Before I conclude, allow me to observe again that the work of the common system is