



En este sentido, destacamos la importancia que para nuestra región tiene el tema de los arreglos actuales de financiación y apoyo para las Misiones Políticas Especiales. Hemos observado con cierta preocupación que el tema, de acuerdo al plan de trabajo, se introducirá formalmente el 19 d



Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

First and foremost, I wish to seize this occasion to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Fifth Committee during the 68th Session of the General Assembly. Our Community wishes you and the other Members of the Bureau, success in conducting the work of the Committee during this Session.

We thank the Secretariat for the preparation of the work programme and its efforts concerning the general organizational issues.

Mr. Chairman,

During this Session, the Fifth Committee will consider and decide on important issues.

CELAC will pay close attention to the discussions on the proposals for the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, which will certainly be the focus of attention of the current Session, both for its nature and the decisions adopted in the light of it. We hope that the latter are conducted in the most constructive and transparent manner and that the concerns and interests of the whole membership are encompassed therein, mostly the efficient functioning of the Organization, which involves, inter alia, the accomplishment without delay of the mandates adopted by Member States.

Considering the proposed budget, we must be extremely careful when holding consultations outside of the United Nations Headquarters. We warn that it would minimize the transparency and legitimacy of such deliberations.

In like manner, we will pay attention to other items included in the agenda of this Session which are of interest to our region. In this case, the reference is in particular to the funding and backstopping of Special Political Missions, the Second Performance Report, the report on the Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Human Resources Management and the United Nations Common System.

