



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

At the outset, I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, the Bureau and the Secretary of the Committee and her team, as well as other members of the Secretariat who have provided assistance to the Committee during this session, for their invaluable support. It is good to have Under Secretary General Khare and the Chair of the ACABQ with us. We also welcome the presence and remarks of the Chef de Cabinet at the start of our meeting today. Let me also reiterate that the Member States of the European Union remain committed to peacekeeping, a flagship activity of the United Nations. We highly value the partnership between the UN Secretariat, troop contributing and host countries, and financial contributors that make UN peacekeeping unique.

We are glad to see that, as a result of joint efforts and intensive negotiations, the General Assembly managed to reach consensus on all outstanding issues on the agenda of the second resumed session of the Committee. The outcome of our intense negotiations ensures, first and foremost, that peacekeeping missions are provided with the necessary financial resources to

Member States accord to the full implementation of the United Nations policy of zero-tolerance in this matter.

Nor should we overlook the successful outcome of our negotiations on the two important Regular Budget items on our agenda: the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response and the additional resources required for Special Political Missions.

To conclude, we would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your stewardship, patience and hard work during this session and, of course, that of the outgoing Bureau. I would also like to thank all those who are leaving this year for their hard work, which is what makes the Fifth Committee special.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.