

Mr. Chairman,

2. At the outset, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your tireless efforts and able leadership to lead the work of this committee to a successful conclusion. Let us also thank 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 valuable support.

3. We are glad to see that as a result of intensive negotiations and joint efforts of all Member states, the Committee reached agreement on most outstanding issues by consensus. We value the tradition of working towards consensus in the 5th committee and reiterate that dialogue, partnership and agreement are the most effective way to guarantee sustainability of this deliberative body, particularly the 5th committee. The

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5. We would like to take an opportunity to express our views on this issue.

We believe that it is of the utmost importance to enhance the collective accountability of all stakeholders particularly the Member States, the Secretariat and the Bureau of the 5th committee, in support of the improvement of our working methods.

To support this aim, we suggest setting a firm deadline for each session, and which all of us should stick to. This deadline will help us to commit to more efficient and effective negotiations within the established and agreed time-frame which will, in turn, lead to more desirable outcomes.

We are going to put forward other suggestions through MIKTA as well as our respective groupings for improving the working methods of the 5th