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REMARKS TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
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As a global organization with 90 per cent of our personnel serving in the field, the United Nations needs to bring decision-making closer to the people we serve; empower managers to

deliver on mandates entrusted to them; reform cumbersome and costly budgetary procedures; and eliminate duplicative structures.

Mr. Chairman,

Over the next seven months, my team and I have conducted extensive consultations and

conditions -- to exercise decisions closer to the point of delivery.

This will not be a blanket delegation of authority. Rather, it will be based on a considered assessment of the capacity of managers to receive such authority and clear conditions upon which it will be withdrawn.

Fourth, reorganizing management structures at Headquarters to provide better support to managers and ensure accountability.

This includes eliminating duplicative functions, establishing a clearer division of roles and

our programmes and activities. However, we do not always have the necessary tools to do so. I am now seeking your support to provide me with those tools.

Third, we propose that the scope of the commitment authority for “unforeseen and

- improving our self-evaluation capacity,
- making our budgets a more strategic document and a tool for accountability, and
- by linking resource requirements more clearly to programme planning and performance results.

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- reflecting procurement and expenditure information on dashboards accessible to Member States throughout the year;
- improving self-evaluation of programmes and including evaluation information in the

I extend the same pledge to this Committee.

Mr Chairman,

B.C. since the current management system and structure is one shared interest

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