

**Statement**

**by**

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**at**

**the Formal Meeting of the Fifth Committee  
Agenda Item 134**

**Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of**

**Mr. Chair,**

1. At the outset, Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Ecuador on behalf of the Group 77 and China and the distinguished delegate of Singapore on behalf of ASEAN.

2. Let me also express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report and for the briefing today. Our appreciation also goes to Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the ACABQ, for the presentation of the corresponding report of the ACABQ.

**Mr. Chair,**

3. Thailand reiterates our support for the Secretary-General's reform efforts in all three pillars of the United Nations. We deem it crucial that the reform process

Member States as well as other oversight mechanisms to have “checks and balances” in the system.

7. Third, addressing **fragmentation** in the organisation and its work culture will be an important element to ensure that management reform takes shape effectively. To this end, Thailand will look with a keen eye to **the rationalisation of aligning authority with responsibility** across UN management structures. As host of ESCAP and other UN entities, Thailand looks forward to learning more on how management authority will be decentralised closer to the point of delivery.

as **measures for risk mitigation** will also be promoted, and not compromised in this process.

10. Let me conclude by commending the Secretary-General for his hard work and for starting this momentum of change among us. The path towards a reformed UN will not be an easy one. Thailand commits to working with you and other Member States. We want to ensure that management reform will play its part in strengthening the United Nations' core competency and centrality in global governance. It must also strengthen the role of the UN in the promotion of the collective interest of its Member States, including the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.