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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

**Report of the Secretary-General
on multi-year payment plans (A/72/71)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I would like to first congratulate you, and the Bureau, on your election. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary General on multi-year payment plans, as contained in Document A/72/71. This is the fifteenth annual report on the status of multi-year payment plans.
2. Over the years since the introduction of the system, six Member States have successfully implemented multi-year payment plans, enabling them to pay in full their assessed contributions. We are grateful for their commitment to meeting their financial obligations to the United Nations. The system gives due consideration to the economic position of Member States, and remains voluntary in nature. While encouraged, payments plans are not necessarily required if a Member State in arrears wishes to request restoration of voting rights under Article 19.
3. The remaining plan in the report before the Committee was submitted by Sao Tome and Principe in 2002. The report contains the status of its implementation as at 31 December 2016.
4. No new payment plans have been submitted in recent years, although several Member States have indicated that the matter was under consideration. The Secretariat stands ready to assist any Member State wishing to implement a multi-year payment plan.
5. The Committee may wish to take note of the report of the Secretary-General.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.