



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Chair,

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

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*,
Montenegro*, Serbia* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association
Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic

of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

The Secretary General has been clear in his diagnosis of the problem afflicting the UN: an organisation crippled by its own bureaucracy and overly complex decision

to resort to working during weekends or nights. Working outside normal

conference hours is dysfunctional: it should be the exception and can no longer be the rule of doing business in this committee. The budget committee has a key role to play in steering the organisation towards more transparency, effectiveness and efficiency.

Third: we believe this committee needs to find a sustainable solution