

## Statement by Ms. Cherith Norman Minister Counselor for UN Management and Reform Fifth Committee, Main Session of the 72<sup>nd</sup> UN General Assembly Thursday, 5 October 2017

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as Chair of this Committee. My delegation looks forward to supporting you and the new bureau members in your important role of managing the Committee's work. We also recognize the dedicated Secretariat staff, ably led by Ms. Sharon Van Buerle, for their service, as well as the interpreters, sound engineers and all who help facilitate this Committee's work.

I also welcome Under-Secretary-General Beagle, ASG and Controller Bartsiotas, and Mr. Ruiz Massieu, Chairman, ACABQ. Thank you for being with us today.

Mr. Chairman,

We begin this session in the midst of proposed change and opportunity. On 18 September, the U.S., along with Heads of Delegation from 12 other member states, co-hosted a High-Level event on UN reform with Secretary-General Guterres serving as guest speaker. In support of this

## Mr. Chairman,

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T	United Nations for 2018-2019 as well as other items with significant financial implications,	
	including the continued renovation of the UN Offices in Geneva and other construction projects	
	in Nairobi, Bangkok, Santiago, and Addis Ababa. My delegation will be closely scrutinizing all	
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