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Statementby

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2 December 2019

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to

recruitment against vacant posts unless hiring is absolutely necessary for the uninterrupted continuation of judicial proceedings, as well as other measures in areas such as travel, operating expenses and contractual services. For 2019 these measures are projected to result in a cost reduction of some \$2.5 million, or 15.6% of the approved budget of \$16 million for the international component, and the measures are expected to continue into 2020.

3. The commitment authorities approved by the General Assembly have been crucial in allowing the United Nations to continue to