



**Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union**

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This statement is on behalf of the Member States of the European Union. The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia , Montenegro , Serbia and Albania , the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Last month, the Fifth Committee went through unprecedented challenges as COVID-19 restrictions were put in place halfway through our negotiations. Despite the circumstances, we were able to agree on the adoption of exceptional working methods and to adjust our internal procedures in order to continue negotiating remotely through VTCs and enhanced use of silence procedures, which allowed us to reach consensus on some of the crucial items of this session. We would like to thank the Chair of the Committee and the Bureau for remaining steadfast and determined in ensuring continuity and focus on the most important and time-bound outcomes. We would also like to thank the Fifth Committee Secretariat for their hard work during this session, as well as all other UN Secretariat staff - in particular staff working on IT-related issues and technicians - who did an outstanding job in ensuring business continuity. This allowed us as Fifth Committee to be an example in remote working and it demonstrated once again the significance of the work we do. We would also like to thank ACABQ and recall that in the current circumstances, more than ever, good collaboration and coordination between ACABQ, Secretariat and the Fifth Committee is of the essence to allow for timely outcomes that keep the Organization running.

The Member States of the EU are pleased that consensus was reached on 3 important items on our agenda, namely: the financing of the mission in Darfur (UNAMID), Accountability system of the UN and the construction of a new UN facility in Arusha. Adopting a budget for the UN mission in Darfur (UNAMID) until June 30 2020 was crucial and we commend the Committee, the Secretariat and the Bureau for their flexibility and determination in

item, which would lead to more modern and more effective UN Human Resources policies, to bring them in line with the wider reform agenda. We hope that next year the Committee will be able to