

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Andreas Mavroyiannis,
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Chair of the Fifth Committee at its 74th session**

**CLOSURE OF THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE SECOND
PART OF THE RESUMED 74th WORK OF THE FZmME**

During the main session we encountered the c
liquidity crisis and the emergency measures put in place by the Secretary General inevitably impacted the way we used to conduct our work in the UN. In effect, the Fifth Committee had to become more resource-conscious and introduced some long-overdue cost-saving practices, for example, the unnecessary printing of documents was halted and the formal working hours for the duration of the meetings were respected. Against the backdrop of the liquidity pressure, your great achievement was the successful adoption of the first annual budget. While transitioning to an annual budget, we realized the need to re-think the distribution of work between the sessions, including considering Human Resources Management reports during the first resumed instead of the main session, so that their consideration does not coincide with the annual budget

available to the Fifth Committee and granting access to Umoja data, are some of the newly established practices aimed at enhancing the synergies, transparency and accountability, while at least partially - addressing the pressing issue of the increasing volume of questions.

Also, following the vote in the General Assembly (A/68/L.13) on 13 September 2013, the Secretary-General (Ban Ki-moon) has taken the following steps:

Coming to the current session, while still confronted with the constraints of working remotely and even in the absence of a voting mechanism, you managed to reach agreement on the peacekeeping budgets considerably earlier than in previous years. The timely decisions on peacekeeping enabled the adoption of those resolutions through lengthy silence procedures, before the end of the fiscal year.

It has been a real privilege being the Chair of the Fifth Committee during the 74th session and I am grateful for this to the **Group of Asia-Pacific States** and the confidence they placed in me and in my country, Cyprus. I would also like to express my thanks to the **European Union**, the negotiating block to which Cyprus inherently belongs, for their active support and encouragement.

My most heartfelt appreciation goes to my fellow Bureau members, the Vice Chairs: Mr. **Mohamed Fouad Ahmed** of Egypt, Mr. **Thiago Poggio Padua** of Brazil who succeeded Mr. **Luiz Feldman**, Mr. **Giorgi Mikeladze** of Georgia, and last but not least, the Rapporteur, Mr. **Yaron Wax** of Israel. Mohamed and Yaron have already concluded their assignment in New York and I know they will be greatly missed in the Fifth Committee. I warmly congratulate all the members of the Bureau and thank them for demonstrating excellent leadership qualities and for always been united, complementing each other and working with integrity in the best interest of the Committee.

Also, with this opportunity I would like to reiterate my gratitude to the **Coordinators** amongst you, who volunteered to help and support us throughout the session. I consider them an extension of our Bureau, as with their hard work and enthusiasm, they contributed decisively

I would like to extend my profound appreciation and gratitude to the **Fifth Committee Secretariat**, led by Mr. **Lionel Berridge**, for supporting me and the Bureau every step of the way and for tirelessly assisting the Committee throughout the session.

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