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IMPLEMENTATION: SHIFTING THE MANAGEMENT PARADIGM IN  
THE UNITED NATIONS*

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Mr. Chair,

1. We join other delegations in congratulating you and the other Bureau members on your well-deserved election to guide the work of the Fifth Committee during this 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly, and we have full confidence that under your able leadership the Committee will successfully conclude its agenda.
2. We thank Chef de Cabinet for presenting the report of the Secretary-General on: *"Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: review of progress in the implementation of management reform"*.
3. We also extend our profound gratitude to the Chairs of the ACABQ, and the Board of Auditors for presenting the respective reports of the two crucial bodies containing an elaborate analysis, observations and useful recommendations on this important subject matter.
4. Our delegation fully aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China as well as the African Group by Their Excellencies the Permanent Representatives of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations, respectively. We however wish to take this opportunity to make a few additional remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

5. It is now two years since the adoption of resolution 72/266B. In passing that resolution, the General Assembly acknowledged the merits of the Secretary-General's proposals to continuously re-adapt the institutional arrangements and capacities so as to ensure that the organization remains relevant in this fast-changing world.
6. Part of the legislative intent of this important reform was to also better equip and empower managers and staff; simplify work processes; enhance accountability and transparency; and most importantly to improve the organization's capacity to effectively deliver mandates across the main pillars of its programme of work – that is peace and security

7. To this end, our delegation believes that today's meeting marks the earliest opportunity for the Member States to start appreciating that the changes introduced in resolution 72/266B were well considered and are indeed showing discernible early signs of progress in the desired direction.

Mr. Chair,

8. Against this background, our delegation has taken note of the preliminary progress reported thus far in implementing the management reform. We welcome and encourage the Secretary-General's ongoing efforts in this regard as we also appreciate the current circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Beyond the structural reorganization of the former departments into two new ones, whose value addition we will seek to assess, we particularly welcome the efforts geared towards improving staff and senior managers' delivery and leadership capacity through, among

13. Most importantly, we would like to recall the decision to annualize the previously biennial programme budget through the ongoing pilot that started with the programme budget for 2020 with a view to improve the budgeting process. At this stage, we take note of the efforts of the Secretary-General and we will seek to appreciate both the positive and any challenges as well as unintended outcomes.