



Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia

responsiveness of the Organisation to the current pandemic, and we commend the work of all the staff in the Organisation for their dedication despite these challenges. We know the programme-budget was prepared at the beginning of the year and thus does not factor in the effects of the pandemic on the work of the Organisation. The Member States of the European Union trust, however, that programme managers will endeavour to implement and deliver their mandates, within the scope of their overall objectives, and in accordance with relevant Regulations and Rules.

The Member States of the European Union are of the view that the planning and budgetary process should reflect the UN's strategic approach, with an overall level of resources that should ensure effective delivery both at headquarters and even more so in the field. It should provide enough flexibility for you, Mr. Secretary-General and your senior team to manage for strong results while enticing efficiencies at all levels of the Organisation. Results, however, can only be expected if the Organisation has sufficient liquidity: programme managers should be primarily compelled by reform implementation and mandate delivery, which requires sustainable and predictable funding of the Organisation. We therefore call again on all Member States to pay their contributions in full and on time in order to avoid making an overly rigid budget process even more inflexible.

Mr. Chair,

When this Committee considers your proposals in detail, we will endeavor to make sure our collective decisions enable the Organisation to address threats to international peace and security, to defend the principles of rule of law, to uphold human rights, to support the sustainable development goals and to take action against climate change. This committee plays an instrumental role and has a key responsibility in supporting your vision and measures towards better support

