

**Item 141. Proposed Programme Budget for 2021**  
**Item 142. Proposed Programme Plan for 2021**  
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**PHILIPPINE STATEMENT**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Philippines thanks Secretary General Antonio Guterres for the report on the Proposed Programme Budget for 2021. We also thank the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) and the ACABQ for the presentation of their reports.

My delegation aligns itself with the Statements made by Guyana on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and of Singapore on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chair, we are well into the second year of implementation of the management reforms, and a key aspect of it is the transition from a biennial to an annual budget period, on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020. This significantly overhauls the UN's planning and budgeting process.

In light of this important change, the Philippines highlights the following points:

1. My delegation welcomes the consultations conducted with Member States in respect of the budget preparation process in order to improve the presentation of the budget document, as well as to have it closely aligned with approved mandates. We welcome the new process, which we think can help the organization to function efficiently and effectively despite the current crisis.
2. The Philippines, however, is of the view that the budget document does not adequately reflect the current needs and budgetary realities for 2021. The Philippines stresses the importance of having a budget that is crafted and executed in consonance with the current exigencies of mandate implementation. We stand



Philippines is committed to working constructively on this matter, with a view to reaching an agreement that will benefit the organization and Member States.

I thank you.