

Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of Argentina, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and my own country.
2. At the outset we'd like to thank you for your leadership and the bureau members for their valuable contribution to our Committee. We extend our thanks to the Fifth Committee Secretariat for their tireless and efficient work.
3. We would also like to thank ASG for Peace Building Support, Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, ASG for Rule of Law and Security Mr. Alexandre Zouev and vice chair of the ACABQ, Mrs. Juliana Gaspar Ruas for presenting the related reports.

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4. We attach great importance to peacebuilding and we recognize the challenges to secure sufficient adequate and sustained resources to provide support to countries transitioning out of conflict and to support processes and achieve goals towards sustaining peace. We also recognize that COVID-19 has made such challenges even more complex and urgent. We do not question the relevance of having

8. We also note with concern the proposal of combining both scales, regular budget and peacekeeping. It is our understanding that the activities performed by the Fund are of a “peace and security” nature. In that sense, we look forward to better understanding the rationale basing the proposed combination of scales.
9. Finally, we note that, differently from other assessed contributions, the use of these resources would not be regulated by the UN Financial Regulations and Rules.

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10. As we start the discussions on this agenda item, we look forward to better understanding the Secretary-General’s request and how to address those. I assure you that we stand ready to engage in a constructive manner to achieve a successful and timely outcome on this matter. I thank you.