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flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters**

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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I would like to introduce to you today the Secretary-General's sixth progress and

3. In terms of space efficiency, flexible workplace increased the Secretariat's building capacity by approximately 1,290. This enabled the Organization to end leases valued at \$18.8 million annually (at the time they were vacated) resulting in significant ongoing savings. As such, when comparing the final project cost with the cost avoidance from vacating leased space, the breakeven point was reached in 2021.

4. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My colleagues and I will be pleased to address any questions from the Committee.