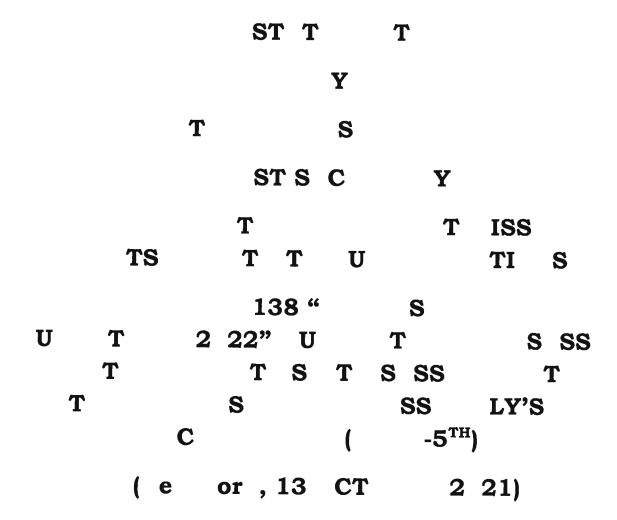
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2. We join other delegations in thanking Secretary General Gutteres, for spearheading the introduction of this important agenda item reflected under

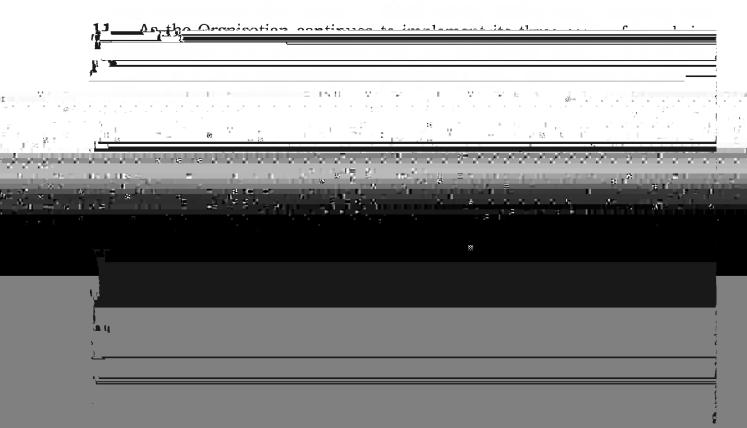
8.	As the Secretary General himself has stressed, this budget is very much
	needed to support Member States in this critical moment of humankind.
	From the COVID-19 pandemic, climate crises issues of humanitarian and
	development affairs, peace-building and sustaining peace to protracted and
	longstanding challenges such as poverty and hunger.

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sound and equitable to the challenges and developmental needs at hand is what is required, not one that sustains the status quo.

Mr. Chair,

10. Among many priorities of this August body, the development of Africa is amongst the 8 listed priorities of the United Nations, therefore having just listened to the statement of Ghana on behalf of Africa my delegation would be very much interested in appreciating the Secretary General's efforts and plans for Africa at both regional and sub-regional level, as expressed by Member States when adopting the previous budget for 2021 in December last year.



14. Increased coordination and collaboration with regional and sub-regional organizations so as to achieve more with less is therefore crucial for the UN if we are to see progress since the UN, the African Union and the 5 sub-regional organizations all have the same goals towards attaining the 2030 Agenda.

