

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM
140: IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF
THE UN, DELIVERED BY FIRST SECRETARY
(POLITICAL) FELICIA CHUA AT THE SECOND PART
OF THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE 76TH SESSION
OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED
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Mr Chair,

1 I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on agenda item 140: Improving the Financial Situation of the UN. ASEAN aligns itself with the statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2 ASEAN appreciates the regular updates from the Secretary-General

4 ASEAN has consistently maintained that the only way to break the persistent cycle of liquidity challenges is for all member states to pay their assessments in full, on time and without conditions. This is a legal obligation enshrined in the UN Charter. It is also a moral obligation that member states should ensure that adequate resources are provided to implement the mandates that we ourselves have given to the Secretary-General.

5 We recognise that some member states face genuine difficulties in paying their assessed contributions due to factors beyond their control. We commend member states who, despite these difficulties, endeavour to meet their obligations to the UN. While ASEAN's assessed contributions to the UN continue to increase, we remain fully committed to fulfilling our financial obligations to the Organisation, and by extension, to multilateralism. We urge our fellow member states to likewise re-affirm their support and commitment to the UN and multilateralism.

Mr Chair,

6 In closing, let me assure you that ASEAN will continue to take an active interest in the forthcoming discussions on this agenda item, and that we will participate in a constructive and productive manner with all stakeholders.

Thank you.

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