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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to thank Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, for providing last week a comprehensive overview of the financial situation of the United Nations, and Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, for his briefing on October 11th regarding the management of the liquidity situation.

Mr. Chair,

It is the responsibility of each Member State to pay its assessment in full and in a timely manner. For our part, Japan has been faithfully fulfilling its obligation even under the impact of COVID-19 on our economy and the severe domestic financial situation, and we will continue to do so. Japan's determination to actively contribute to the implementation of the UN's mandates remains unchanged.

We are pleased to hear that the liquidity of the Regular Budget has been improving compared with the last few years, thanks to the increased collect

of Member States and the Secretariat to constantly seek to improve the effectiveness and