

Statement by Richard Croker, Minister-Counsellor of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Mission to the United Nations on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses of the UN and the scale of assessments for the apportionment of UN Peacekeeping Operations

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Mr Chair,

Thank you Mr Chair. I would like to start by thanking Mr Griever, Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, for presenting the Committee's report of its 75th session, and the Controller, Mr. Ramanathan for presenting the reports of the Secretary General.

Mr Chair, during its 73rd Session, the General Assembly concluded that the Regular Budget Scales of Assessment could be enhanced, and that the Peace Keeping budget scales needed reform. It is our job during this session to do that.

In regards to the Regular Budget scale, the technical work of the Committee on Contributions clearly sets out some of the issues that are preventing the current methodology from better reflecting the principle of capacity to pay. In some instances we not only have clear rationale and the data, but also guidance from the General Assembly to make adjustments. For example, the current Debt Burden Adjustment, where the availability of relevant data has improved substantially, and where we will not be heeding the General Assembly's guidance if we continue to persist with the technically flawed method here. There are also other examples, such as incorporating GNDI, which would be a more appropriate measure of capacity to pay.

I want to be clear that we continue to see relief measures

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