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**Projet de budget-programme
pour l'exercice biennal 2012-2013 : Premier rapport sur
l'exécution du budget-programme
de l'exercice biennal 2012-2013**

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 : First
performance report on the programme budget for the
biennium 2012-2013

New York, le 17 décembre 2012

Déclaration de la Suisse

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Our delegations welcome the introduction of the relevant reports under this agenda item, and will focus our statement on the first performance report.

Mr. Chairman,

Last year, the Fifth Committee had difficulty agreeing on a budget level for the biennium 2012-13 and decided, as a last resort compromise, to defer consideration of post-related recosting for inflation and exchange rate projections to this first performance report. The consequences of this decision are two-fold: One, what could have been dealt with already a year ago needs to be dealt with during the remainder of this session, and it may not be much easier this time. Two, the General Assembly departed from established procedures for the first time since resolution 41/213 was adopted 27 years ago, thereby putting both the Secretariat and Member States in a very difficult position. We are therefore interested in exploring different options in order to protect the Organization against fluctuations in exchange rates and inflation. We are also interested in finding a comprehensive and lasting solution for how we should deal with the issue of recosting in the future.

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With regards to the contingency fund, my delegation shares the concern expressed by the ACABQ that the performance report does not contain any reference to a projected over-spend of the contingency fund nor any proposals on how to maintain a positive balance in the fund. We hope to gain more clarity on this issue in the course of informal consultations.

Mr. Chairman,

Also earlier this year, the General Assembly confirmed that the Secretary-General may enter into commitments, with the prior concurrence of the ACABQ, to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in relation with time-sensitive mandates emanating from Human Rights Council resolutions and decisions. Switzerland and Liechtenstein attach great importance to a well-functioning funding mechanism that allows the Secretary-General to draw upon the necessary resources to meet emerging requirements that are time-sensitive and couldn't be planned ahead. We note that with regards to Human Rights Council mandates this mechanism has been used once throughout the course of this year to meet the requirements of the Fact-finding mission on the Syrian Republic. In light of the nature of the mandates arising from the Human Rights Council, we would have expected a more frequent utilization of this mechanism. We would therefore like to receive more information on whether or not this mechanism has so far functioned according to expectations.

Finally, our delegations feel that the work of this Committee could be greatly improved if the performance report contained information on actual performance: What has the Organization actually spent under the various budget sections, and what results have been achieved with the investments made in the period under consideration? The current format of the report unfortunately does not allow for such consideration.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.