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I particularly acknowledge the challenge posed by the late availability of documents and reports for this session, and resolutions with budgetary implications arising late from the other Main Committees. I had a meeting with Chairs of Main Committee on Tuesday and I encouraged the Main Committee Chairs to keep Ambassador Monthé informed on developments in other Committees. Also, I will remind the General Committee of the deadline of 1st December they recommended for any resolution with budgetary implications. I stand ready to use my authority to speed up issuance of documentation, should the Chair request.

I am confident that the Fifth Committee will continue to operate under the spirit of collegiality and strive for timely and consensual outcomes.

My third point is that the Administrative and Budgetary Committee impacts the lives of people.

The resources available to do its job – namely, to improve the lives of people.

United Nations staff are directly affected by decisions of the Fifth Committee. These men and women are an invaluable asset. You should aim for timely decision-