

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Andreas Mavroyiannis,
Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations,
Chair of the Fifth Committee at its 74th session**

**CLOSURE OF THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE SECOND
PART OF THE RESUMED 74th WORK OF THE FZmME**

Coming to the current session, while still confronted with the constraints of working remotely and even in the absence of a voting mechanism, you managed to reach agreement on the peacekeeping budgets considerably earlier than in previous years. The timely decisions on peacekeeping enabled the adoption of those resolutions through lengthy silence procedures, before the end of the fiscal year.

It has been a real privilege being the Chair of the Fifth Committee during the 74th session and I am grateful for this to the **Group of Asia-Pacific States** and the confidence they placed in me and in my country, Cyprus. I would also like to express my thanks to the **European Union**, the negotiating block to which Cyprus inherently belongs, for their active support and encouragement.

My most heartfelt appreciation goes to my fellow Bureau members, the Vice Chairs: Mr. **Mohamed Fouad Ahmed** of Egypt, Mr. **Thiago Poggio Padua** of Brazil who succeeded Mr. **Luiz Feldman**, Mr. **Giorgi Mikeladze** of Georgia, and last but not least, the Rapporteur, Mr. **Yaron Wax** of Israel. Mohamed and Yaron have already concluded their assignment in New York and I know they will be greatly missed in the Fifth Committee. I warmly congratulate all the members of the Bureau and thank them for demonstrating excellent leadership qualities and for always being united, complementing each other and working with integrity in the best interest of the Committee.

Also, with this opportunity I would like to reiterate my gratitude to the **Coordinators** amongst you, who volunteered to help and support us throughout the session. I consider them an extension of our Bureau, as with their hard work and enthusiasm, they contributed decisively

I would like to extend my profound appreciation and gratitude to the **Fifth Committee Secretariat**, led by Mr. **Lionel Berridge**, for supporting me and the Bureau every step of the way and for tirelessly assisting the Committee throughout the session.

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