



Committee continues to make every effort to overcome disagreements or disputes and strives for the goal of consensus, for which the Committee is recognized.

I need not remind each of you that our work this year has taken on an additional element of urgency. The world has yet to fully address the health impacts of COVID-19, or the profound socio-economic damage, which is becoming increasingly apparent.

And the world is looking to the UN for leadership and for demonstrable action to address these challenges in the real world.

We have a responsibility to meet their expectations, and to not only support COVID-19 recovery but to do so in a manner that recovers better, and that accelerates the implementation of the 2030 Agenda during this Decade of Action. This means we must not forget existing challenges to which