

**REMARKS OF H.E. MR. ABDULLA SHAHID
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING
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His Excellency, Mher Margaryan, Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations and Chair of the Fifth Committee, Distinguished delegates,

to address the Fifth Committee today.

I warmly congratulate Ambassador Mher Margaryan, as well as all Bureau Members, on your elections to the Fifth Committee.

Let me also commend the efficiency and support that the Secretariat, led by Mr. Lionel Berridge, has consistently demonstrated.

New Year holidays will not be the same without the 5th Committee completing its work.

In this context, I would also sincerely urge you to continue your work on the budget without delay in parallel to any discussion related to programme planning.

- Third, I encourage the committee to consider the Secretary-
Our Common Agenda, to

Distinguished delegates,

As the Fifth Committee continues its important work to expand efficiency and transparency, let us be guided by the principle that

Let us continue to observe innovative working methods to deliver for people, for planet and for prosperity.

Let us work together to achieve a meaningful session under a Presidency of Hope.

I thank you.

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