



**Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union
On the Briefing by the Controller on the 2014-15 proposed programme
budget**

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We expect to see that the Secretary General, as chief administrative officer of the Organisation, has prepared a budget based on a preliminary estimate of \$5.392 billion, that he has looked to all sections of the budget to make savings, and has – as mandated by the General Assembly – reviewed possible obsolete activities, taken additional cost effectiveness measures, and simplified procedures. Furthermore, we also look forward to proposals that reflect the outcomes of a review of the staffing requirements of the Organisation.

Mr Chairman

By undertaking these measures, we are confident that the Secretary General will have been able to prepare a robust proposal which matches the budget level which the General Assembly decided on as being the appropriate amount to allow for the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities.

Mr Chairman

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