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STATEMENT BY MS. NORFARINA MOHD AZMEE, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA ON AGENDA ITEM 136: SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE 64th SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK, 5th OCTOBER 2009

Mr. Chairman,

Firstly, allow me to begin by congratulating you on your election as the Chairman of this Committee. My congratulations are also extended to the newly appointed members of the bureau. My delegation is confident that with your knowledge, experience and leadership you will be able to steer the work of the Committee to a successful outcome. My delegation also associates itself with the statement by Sudan on behalf of G77 and China.

2. My delegation also wishes to thank Mr. Bernardo Greiver, Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, for his comprehensive briefing and introduction to the Committee on the report of the Committee on Contributions; and also to, Mr. Lionel Berridge, Chief of the Contributions and Policy Coordination Service, for his succinct yet profound introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans.

Mr. Chairman,

3. During this 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly, delegations will commence the deliberations of the United Nations scale of assessments for the year 2010-2012. With regard to the scale of assessment, thorough considerations should be given to the various socio-economic factors that affect the well-being of Member States. My delegation firmly believes that the principle of “capacity to pay” must continue to be the basis in determining Member States’ share of contributions to the United Nations. We also believe that the indicated new scale of assessments must reflect a fair, equitable and balance rate, agreed upon by all Member States.

4. We are aware of the elements of the methodology used in preparing the scale of assessments. With regard to the scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012, my delegation fully supports the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions that they should be based on the most current, comprehensive and comparable data available for GNI.

5. My delegation maintains its full support on the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions to retain the use of market exchange rates (MERs) in reviewing the scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012. We further uphold the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions that MERs should be replaced by price-adjusted rates of

exchange (PAREs) or other appropriate conversion rates, in instances where the use of MERs would cause excessive fluctuations and distortions in the income of some Member States.

6. On the base period for the scale, my delegation supports the assessment by the Committee on Contributions that there were advantages in using the same chosen base period for as long as possible to smooth out over the course of consecutive scale periods, the impact for every Member State. The scale has to consider the importance to have a reasonable base period that could provide stability and predictability in the United Nations scale.

Mr. Chairman,

7. We are fully aware that it is not possible to determine a scale of assessment that would satisfy and accommodate the needs of all Member States. Therefore, in establishing the new scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012, we are of the view that drastic changes in Member States' assessments should as far as possible, be avoided.

8. Malaysia will continue to emphasize the need to ensure adequate funding for all mandated programmes and activities of the Organization to be carried out in an effective and timely manner. We also fully recognizes that it is imperative for the United Nations to have a predictable, stable and adequate funding to ensure that all mandates and activities are satisfactorily implemented.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Malaysia hopes and urges that all Member States will continue to honour and settle their assessed contributions, without any conditions attached. In conclusion, I wish to express my delegation's full support to the work of the Committee on Contributions and we look forward to participate constructively in the discussion of this agenda item.

Thank you.