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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Member States of the Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

Since our delegation takes the floor for the first time during this session, allow me on behalf of the GUAM States to congratulate you and all the members of the Bureau of the Committee on your deserved election. We are convinced that under your guidance the work of our Committee will be fruitful and successful.

Mr. Chairman,

Our States support the main principle of the methodology of the scales of assessment that expenses of the United Nations should be apportioned according to the capacity of the Member States to pay.

We welcome the report of the 66th session of the Committee on contributions. We are of the view that the work of this Committee is of the utmost importance. The Committee on Contributions should continue to play its crucial role in identifying methodology for scales of assessment, reviewing payment plans and in providing recommendations on exemptions under Article 19 of the UN Charter.

GUAM States welcome the initiative to hold informal briefing on the scale of assessment. We note with satisfaction endeavors in this regard made by the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions Mr. Gilpin and the Chairman of the Committee Mr. Greiver.

Our delegations are ready to take active part in the negotiations on the scale of assessments for 2007-2009 and to fulfill them on time thus the Organization will be functioning normally and be able to address increased demands and challenges.

Let me briefly touch upon the position of GUAM States towards the individual principles of the methodology for the period 2007-2009. First and foremost the building block of the scale should remain our capacity to pay. GUAM States welcome six years statistical base period as this would ensure simplicity and predictability of the scale. As for the Low Per Capita Income Adjustment, we stress that it is important measure to adjust capacity to pay for the developing countries and support increase of its gradient up to 85 %.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me express the confidence of our delegations that collective efforts of the Fifth Committee members will result in creating the stable and efficient scale of assessment.