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Statement by Hitoshi Kozaki, the Japanese Mission to the United Nations
on “Investing in the United Nations: a stronger Organization worldwide”

I thank you Mr. Chairman,

First of all, my delegation would like to welcome Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown to the Fifth Committee. We congratulate him for the assumption of the office of the Deputy Secretary-General. My delegation would like to thank Mr. Rajat Saha, Chairman of the ACABQ, for his introduction of the report of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation welcomes the report of the Secretary-General titled “Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide” issued in response to the request contained in the Outcome Document (RES/A/60/1). His report lays out his vision on a wide range of reform issues related to human resource management, leadership, information and communication technology, delivering services, budget and finance, governance, as well as the way forward. These proposals aim at reforming the Organization toward a more efficient, effective and accountable one, and we share the objectives of the Secretary-General described in his report. The Government of Japan will give a serious thought to those proposed reform measures therein.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation, in principle, supports the way the report of the Advisory Committee sorts out the proposals before us, providing with useful information for our deliberations on the report of the Secretary-General in the General Assembly. As the report of the Advisory Committee rightly points out, there are several proposals of the Secretary-General, such as systematic analysis of new ways of delivering services and strengthening procurement, which should be implemented without delay within the authority already vested in him.

My delegation urges the Secretary-General to exercise his leadership on those issues, and we will strongly support his efforts in this regard. My delegation will closely study those proposals which require considerations in the Fifth Committee together with additional information and analysis of the Secretary-General to be provided to us by May. My delegation notes that we will receive in September a comprehensive report on human resource management. With regard to the proposals related to governance, we find the recommendation of the ACABQ sensible. It would be appropriate for the plenary, not the Fifth Committee, to discuss on how to deal with those matters, as the General-Assembly is the competent body to deal with those governance issues.

Mr. Chairman,

It is the firm view of my delegation that the Fifth Committee, taking into account the guidance of the Advisory Committee as well as the request by the President of the General Assembly, should come to a quick conclusion on the way to deal with the report of the Secretary-General requested last September by the world leaders. We should prepare for upcoming substantive discussions after May, and my delegation will work with all parties in good faith and in a constructive manner.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.