

financial crisis of unprecedented severity and one that demands an active and immediate response. My delegation wishes to express its willingness to join with others in developing the appropriate means of ensuring the normal functioning of the U.N. through the coming year. In this regard we are encouraged by public and private statements indicating a willingness on the part of Member States to discuss options and alternatives which were considered inappropriate even six months ago. My delegation believes all Member States share a common interest in the effective and continued full functioning of the United Nations.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I would note that my delegation has addressed the four items under discussion as an integrated whole. However, we wish to reserve the right to speak on each of the issues separately if it should become so necessary.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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