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Statement by Mr. Jun Yamada  
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On agenda item 129: Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011  
Programme budget implications

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, I would like to thank Ms. Sharon Van Buerle, Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, and Ms. Susan McLurg, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), for introducing their respective reports on this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation regrets that rule 153 of the rules and procedures of the General Assembly could not be followed at the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60/Rev.1. Rule 153 clearly states that no resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. We urge all Member States to raise awareness of this established budgetary procedure in other Committees. We also strongly hope that this rule will not be overlooked in future General Assembly negotiations.

We note that the total of the three PBI statements amount approximately 1.8 million dollars. This is approximately 3.7 million dollars less than the amount presented last year. We commend the efforts to absorb the additional expenses triggered by the PBIs by using existing resources. During the informal consultations, we would like to seek further clarity on the capacity of Departments to absorb the additional expenses within their existing resources. Finally, we note with concern that some draft negotiations with PBI language could not be concluded by 1 December 2010 which was the final date agreed at the opening of this Committee.

In closing my statement, Mr. Chairman,

I would just like to reiterate that my delegation will participate actively and constructively in the discussions to be held during the informal consultations on all aspects of this agenda item.