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Statement of Italy

Item 10 of the consolidated agenda:
“Report on the Program and Budget Committee (PBC)”

"Thank you Mr. Chair,

Italy would like to thank you for the work carried on in these days and for the proposal on item 10. We agree with this proposal, provided that the following aspect is taken into due consideration.

As regards PBC Agenda Item 16 and the reference to efficient management in the presentation of PBC documents, we would like to stress that the interpretation of this expression should be clarified, so that it's clear to the membership that this is used to refer only to the need of more efficient drafting of pbc documents, without any implication on allocation of costs and revenues and financial sustainability issues.

We believe that a better understanding of the information contained in the budget can be fostered by a rationalization of the financial documents and also by avoiding duplication or overlapping of the financial information included in several documents

Thank you very much”.