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Agenda 4: Agenda item 4: Review of activities carried out in 2020 and 2021 in response to the requests of the Committee at its second session and the coronavirus disease pandemic, consideration of the future focus of the sub-programme

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan is please to take note of all the focused work that the Secretariat has done, to implement the requests that Member States shared two years ago.

Being the new PR of Pakistan, I have found the comprehensive update provided in the document highly focused and very informative.

I have found it particularly beneficial to fully understand the broad range and wide scope of Secretariat's work in the area of macro policy and financing. The work is, indeed, critical and necessary.

Pakistan would like to request the Secretariat to continue this good work and support us, in achieving the SDGs. Following are our specific suggestions:

(1) request the secretariat to provide further analysis and targeted technical assistance on issues that can help us on increasing our fiscal space and finance investments.

(2) Pakistan fully supports the secretariat's proposed idea to establish a **Consultative Group on Financing Strategies for the Sustainable Development Goals**, consisting of experts and officials nominated by us. This would facilitate effective communication between the Ministry officials and the Secretariat on economic and financing issues.

Thank you