

Statement by Amb. Beatrice Pacunega Manano on behalf of the African Group on Agenda Item 134, Secretary General 's Special Envoy on the Sahel.
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Mr. Chairman, the African Group would like to thank Mr. Chandru Ramanathan, Officer in charge, office of program planning, budget and accounts for presenting the secretary general's reports on agenda item 134 in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and or the Security Council, in particular the office of the special envoy of the Secretary General for the Sahel , special advisor of the Secretary General for Yemen and panel of experts on Yemen. We also thank Mr. Carlos Ruiz Masieu, chair of the advisory committee on administrative and budgetary questions for introducing the related report.

Mr. Chairman, the group touches great importance to issues related to the Sahel and will analyze keenly all the proposals on the office of the secretary general's special envoy on the Sahel during the informals.

The African group would like to assure you, Mr. chairman, of its readiness to engage constructively on this agenda item.

I thank you.