
**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY
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MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD TO THE UNITED
NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 134, PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR
THE BIENNIUM 2016-2017 FINANCING OF THE AGENDFA
20130M AND ADDIS ABABA ACTION AGENDA, DURING THE
SECOND PART OF THE RESUMED SEVENTIETH SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY-FIFTH
COMMITTEE**

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group on Agenda item 134: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

At the outset the African Group would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary General, the Controller and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for introducing the respective reports.

The African Group aligns itself with the statement by the distinguished representative of the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Despite repeated requests for the submission of a comprehensive reports, the Group notes with serious concerns that Secretary General reports lack concrete proposals and don't take into account the mandates contained in the resolutions 70/1 on Agenda 2030 adopted on 25 September 2015 and resolution 69/313 adopted on n 27 July 2015, endorsing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

The Group is also deeply concerned on the approach diverting from the incorporation of the three dimensions of sustainable development- economic, social and environmental - in a balanced and integrated manner, for an attempt to adapt the 2 Agendas on 4 priorities within the Secretariat.

The Group would like to remind that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets demonstrate the scale and ambition of this new universal Agenda agreed aimed to seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what was not achieved. We would like to remind that they are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development.

the Group would like also to remind that, the goals and targets are the result of over two years of intensive public consultation and engagement with civil society and other stakeholders around the world, which paid particular attention to the voices of the poorest and most vulnerable population.

The Group notes that, in the proposal before the Committee, almost nothing is proposed to strengthen the capacities, through the appropriate mechanisms, particularly for the most vulnerable countries, despite the specific request submitted by more than 100 Members States.

Mr. Chairman

The Group notes with concern that , it took some time and consultations in within Committee to introduce this item during our busy second resumed session. We noted some resistance from small group of Member States to consider the item and we would like to stress that it's not only an issue of resources but we need to take into account what the international community committed towards sustainable development, devoting ourselves collectively to the pursuit of global development and of "win-win" cooperation which can bring huge gains to all countries in all parts of the world, reducing conflicts and anticipating future challenges for today's and for future generations.No one should be left behind.

The Group would also like to urge the Secretary General in the preparation of future proposal to fully take into account the specificity of the two agendas, the Agenda 2030 and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development. To remind also that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda supports, complements and helps to contextualize the 2030 Agenda's means of implementation targets.

In conclusion, the Group would like to assure you of its readiness to engage constructively for a swift conclusion of the item and expect in future budgetary submission, a full and comprehensive budgetary proposal for the implementation of the two agendas.

I thank you