



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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MISSION OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 135.
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THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on agenda item 135, Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017– UN Office for Partnerships.
2. The Group would like to thank Mr. William Kennedy, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for Partnerships as per the request of the General Assembly decisions 52/466 and 53/475.

Mr. Chair,

3. The Group welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Office for Partnerships for striving to serve as a gateway for public-private partnerships in order to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. The Group notes the cooperation of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) with many institutions to address key global health priorities, including the elimination of preventable diseases such as poliomyelitis, measles, rubella and malaria, and the engagement in advocacy regarding the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents. The Group calls for more efforts in these areas.
5. The Group notes the valuable contributions on advocacy and communications, working with some institutions, on data, on development and humanitarian efforts, the canalizations of investment and action by the telecommunications industry, some education programmes for children in refugee camps, the empowerment of women and the protection of the environment, among others.
6. The Group also commends some of the initiatives undertaken in the area of democracy, by strengthening municipal capacity for access to public information, accountability tool in the hands of local communities, advocacy activities led to improved gender-sensitive service delivery.

Mr. Chair,

7. The Group encourages the Office to continue engaging with all potential institutions and exploring opportunities for partnership with the United Nations system in support of Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development.

8. The Group also encourages the Office to work closely with the regional and sub-regional organizations and support the development efforts of the developing countries.

9. The Group believes that some aspects of the 2030 Agenda need further attention from the offices, in particular the promotion of industrialization and the service sectors as a key component for sustainable development, job creation, in particular for youth and women.

10. We also believe that concerted efforts are needed in the area of capacity building in resource mobilization for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In this regards, we call for the offices to make every efforts to support the national development plans of member states.

11. Finally, the Group calls for the sharing of detailed information with all the Member States regarding the best practices, as well the financial instruments available.

I thank you.