

STATEMENT

ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY MR. MÁRCIO BURITY, THIRD SECRETARY AT PERMANENT MISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 163: FINANCING OF THE AFRICAN UNION-UNITED NATIONS HYBRID OPERATION IN DARFUR DURING THE MAIN SESSION OF SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the African Group on Agenda Item 163 : Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID).

The Group would like to thank Ms. Bettina T. Bartsiostas, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, and Mr. Carlos R. Massieu, Chair of the ACABQ for introducing their respective reports.

In the second part of the resumed session of the 71st UNGA session which took place between the 1st May and 29th June 2017, the committee held rounds of negotiations on UNAMID. At this period we considered – and fixed the first six months financing of UNAMID (July to December 2017) contained in the resolution A/RES/71/310 adopted by consensus and decided to come back to adopt the remaining six months in December 2017.

According to the report of the Secretary General the security situation in Darfur has continued to show progress and no confrontation between the Government and the Darfur rebel group has been reported in recent months. This shows reduction in inter-communal violence because of effective measures taken by the government of the Sudan, which made possible the overall humanitarian situation in the country get relatively stable.

Mr. Chairman,

The African Group believes that implementation of the Doha Declaration for Peace in Darfur (DDPD), including the disarmament of the civilian population and the militia, would help to address the root causes of the conflict and facilitate sustenance of peace and security in the Darfur. Allocation of appropriate resources for mandate delivery by UNAMID will be instrumental to assist the law enforcement and justice institutions beside making efforts of the government with respect to the arms collection campaign successful.

As the reconfiguration process of UNAMID is heading in the right direction and stability of Darfur even after the closure of the team sites and the drawdown of forces are remaining steady, the African Group hopes that the second-phase of the drawdown would be also successful and resources needed for the Mission will soon reduce to the minimum level.

Turning to the issue of environmental footprint, the Group continues to note with importance the need to increase the resources allocated to this area. The Group is also on the view that an emphasize on the post-conflict reconstruction efforts has to be made by the Secretariat.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, the Group reassures you of its determination to engage constructively on this agenda item, with the view to provide UNAMID with necessary resources.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.