

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group.

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the State of Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Madam President,

We are very grateful to you and your team for the preparation of the draft agreement as well as for its timely release. This has allowed our group to engage in early coordination. We appreciate the fact that parallel meetings have been limited to only two hours in the program of work. However, there will be less time for delegates during lunch hours to

The African Group seizes this occasion to wish again happy birthday to the ISA, as we