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1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on this agenda item.

2. The Group of 77 and China would like to thank Mr. Yohannes Huisman, the Director of budget, for the introduction of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/66/393, A/66/510, and A/66/167. The Group would also like to thank the Mr. Collin Kelly, Chairman of the ACABQ, for introducing the related reports of the Advisory Committee

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3. The Group of 77 and China welcome the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to strengthening the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi. We welcome the appointment of Ms. Zahre-Work Zewde of Ethiopia as the Director-General of UNON effective 1st May 2011. The appointment was made pursuant to resolution 64/143 in which the General Assembly decided to create a dedicated post of Director at Under-Secretary-General level at UNON. We note that the Secretary-General provided sufficient explanation on why it was not possible to include these proposals in the initial report on the Proposed Programme Budget 2012-2013. The Group strongly supports the strengthening of UNON, and in that regard supports the current proposals to strengthen the office of the Director-General at UNON.

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4. The Group of 77 and China stress the importance of providing the necessary resources to finance all decisions of intergovernmental organs of the Organization in the field of social and economic development. In this regard, the Group believes that adequate resources must be provided to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its substantive session of 2011. We also wish to underline the role of the Commission for Programme and Coordination, as the main

subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, ECOSOC for planning, programming and coordination, in reviewing the programme and changes to the programme budget.

5. The Group of 77 and China notes with interest the subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). The Group expresses its