

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY
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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON
AGENDA ITEM 149 FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN
CÔTE D'IVOIRE FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 30 JUNE 2012, IN THE
FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE MAIN PART OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(New York, 19 December, 2011)**

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the African Group on agenda item 149 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period 1 July, 2011 to 30 June, 2012.

2. The African Group would like to thank the Assistant Secretary-General, the Controller, Ms Maria Eugenia Casar, for introducing Secretary-General's report contained in document A/66/529. The Group would also like to thank Mr. Collen Kelapile, Chairman of the ACABQ, for introducing the Advisory Committee's related report contained in document A/66/612.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The African Group recalls that, Security Council resolution 2000 (2011) extended the mandate of UNOCI until 30 July, 2012 and emphasized its mandate to assist the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in addressing the security situation it continues to face.

4. The Group also recalls that the General Assembly, in its resolution 65/294, initially appropriated a total amount of USD 486-7 million for the activities of UNOCI for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Mr. Chairman,

5. The African Group welcomes the commitment and contribution of the Host Government to UNOCI including the provision of office space in Abidjan- free of charge,

The Group also welcomes and support the Secretary-General additional resource proposal amounted to USD 165-7 million to implement the Mission additional mandate given by the Security Council resolution 2000 (2011)- that include among others provision for the additional deployment of 2,335 military contingent personnel, 145 United Nations police officers, 20 formed police unit personnel, 34 international staff, 9 national staff, 26 international temporary positions, 19 national temporary positions, 177 United Nations Volunteers and 26 Government-provided personnel,

Mr. Chairman,

6. The African Group attaches great importance on the UNOCI mandate as one of the necessary means to restore rules of law and order, improve political stability in the country and facilitate lasting peace to the people of Cote d'Ivoire and the region at large,

7. We would also like to emphasize on the need to ensure that all necessary support is provided to the Mission in full and on time to enable Mission deliver its given mandate,

8. The African Group emphasizes the need to ensure all the of the planned *quick-impact* projects in the areas of restoration of public order, justice and corrections, and outreach, reconciliation and conflict management are completed in full and on timely manner. The Group will also be keen to receive the additional information on the implementation of *quick-impact* projects in other areas.

9. The African Group will further be interested to receive specific information on number of other key issues in the Mission including the programmes and activities for internal displaced persons (IDPs) in the country.

Mr. Chairman,

10. In conclusion, the African Group would like to commend men and women in uniform and civilian who are dedicating their effort and lives in finding the everlasting peace to the people of the Cote d'Ivoire. We would like to assure you our readiness to participate in constructive deliberations on this important agenda item,

I thank you, **Mr. Chairman.**