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Mr. Chairman,

Let me start by extending my warm congratulations on your election to chair the 5th committee. My delegation has confidence in your wisdom and ability to guide successfully the complex and challenging work of the committee.

We would like to thank Mr. Jean-Jacques Graise, Acting Head of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General contained in document 67/127. Our appreciation also goes to Mr. Collen V. Kellapile, Chairperson of the ACABQ, and Ms. Carolina Popovici, Chairperson of Committee on Conferences, for introducing the related reports of their respective Committee.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representatives of Algeria and Cote D'ivoir on behalf of G77 and China and Africa, respectively.

Mr. Chairman,

We are taking the floor to make brief remarks on the conference center at the United Nations economic commission for Africa (UNECA). My delegation commends the

conference center. We particularly appreciate the publicity campaign through advertising

in newspapers, on radio stations and exhibitions in Africa and outside the Continent for
greater visibility and outreach. Besides, we have noticed the collaboration of ECA with

In conclusion we would like to request the Secretary General, in collaboration with the authorities of ECA to continue explore additional means to increase the utilization rate of

the conference center and maintain excellent standard in order to remain competitive. It is our considered view that clear strategies be devised to achieve the bench mark as well as