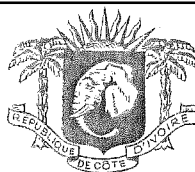


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STATEMENT

**by Mr. Brouz Ralph Enneric COFFI, Minister Plenipotentiary at the
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations,on agenda item 124 Business and Human Rights**

**2014-2015: Strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa during
the main part of the sixty-eight session of the Fifth Committee
of the General Assembly
(New York, 2 December, 2013)**

Mr. Chairman,

4- The African Group recalls that by its resolution 57/300, the General Assembly endorsed the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

and entrusted to it the role of coordinating reports and global advocacy in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). The

Mr. Chairman,

7- The African Group welcomes and fully support the Secretary-General proposal on post and non-post resources on strengthening the Office in the areas of policy analysis, monitoring and research, intergovernmental support, advocacy and inter-agency coordination. We also fully support the Secretary General proposal on establishing additional 10 new posts in the Office, as well as the related financial requirement.

8- The African Group would like to emphasize that, the strengthening of the Office should be commensurate with the mandates entrusted to it and that all posts requested and approved must be filled as a matter of priority and in full