



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA ON AGENDA ITEM 134. STRENGTHENING THE

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER ON AFRICA AND THE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE AT THE FIFTY COMMITTEE DURING

growth rates have not translated into shared prosperity for all. Africa has not experienced meaningful employment creation, nor has it seen a substantial reduction in poverty.

7. Mindful of the need for a strengthened approach to support Africa, the General Assembly adopted resolution 66/293 establishing a UN monitoring mechanism to review commitments made towards Africa's development needs, with the mandate for the implementation of the monitoring mechanism vested in the Office of the Special Adviser

for Africa.

Mr. Chairman,

8 The General Assembly strongly supports the proposal of the Secretary General to strengthen