

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY
H.E. MR. PETER THOMSON, AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF FIJI TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77, ON AGENDA ITEM 138: SCALE
OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE
EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE MAIN PART OF
THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (New York, 4 October 2013).**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on agenda item 138, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations".
2. The Group of 77 and China would like to thank Mr. Bernardo Greiver, Chairperson of the Committee on Contributions, for introducing the report of the Seventy-third session of the Committee on Contributions, as contained in the document A/68/11. We value the important work undertaken by the Committee on Contributions in advising the Fifth Committee on the technical aspects of the item under consideration. We also thank Mr. Lionel Berridge, Chief, Contributions and Policy Coordination Service and Secretary of the Committee on Contributions, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans, as contained in the document A/68/68.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The Group reaffirms its long-standing position that the financial resources provided to the Organisation must be commensurate with its legislative mandates. Without adequate resources,

