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STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 143: ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AT THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE MAIN PART OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF
THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(New York, 18 October 2013)

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to deliver on behalf of the Philippines, this statement on Agenda Item 143 on administration of justice at the United Nations. We align ourselves with the Statement of Fiji, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

We thank Assistant Secretary-General Mr. Johnston Barkat, United Nations Ombudsman for introducing the report on the activities of the Offices of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services; Ms. Linda Taylor, the Executive Director of the Office of Administration of Justice for introducing the report on administration of justice at the United Nations; and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for introducing the related report of the ACABQ.

Mr. Chairman,

In 2007, the General Assembly resolved to create a new system of administration of

We note the efforts of the Management Evaluation Unit to institutionalize good management practices to address underlying factors giVing rise to disputes especially on the most common causes of action. It may be observed that in addition, clarity and simplicity of language on rules, regulations, terms of contracts and appointments are also essential to a preventive approach to disputes.

We wish to voice our concern that there are cases brought by staff arising from disability, accessibility, reasonable accommodation and assistive technology. We look forward to the Secretary's Bulletin that will establish a framework for a working