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**REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY
MR. JUSTIN KISOKA, MINISTER COUNSELLOR AT THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE
CLOSURE OF THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, DURING THE SECOND
RESUMED PART OF SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, FIFTH COMMITTEE**

(New York, Monday 13 June, 2016)

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

í í öThe African Group join others to send our condolence to the government of the United States following the horrific incidence in Orlando. Our prayers go to the families and friends of those affectedö í ö

The African Group would like to thank the Bureau under your continued able leadership related to guiding our work in the seventieth session and of course the conclusion of our agenda shortly. We appreciate the efforts of all stakeholders in particular interpreters, sound engineers and conference officers for facilitating our work. Special recognition goes to Ms. Sharon and her Fifth Committee Secretariat team for their hard work including handling Fifth Committee and Committee for Programme and Coordination at the same time.

We appreciate the presence of the Controller and the Chair of the Advisory Committee to our meeting today.

The Group aligns itself with comments and remarks expressed by the Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and we have few additions to make.

Mr. Chairman,

The African Group once again

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