Mr. Chair,

6. The Groups also notes that the requirement in the amount ofUSD 39,000 resulting from
the adoption of resolution 2017/26 which extended the mandate ofthe Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, is proposed to be accommodated within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, while the requirements of USD 2,500'resulting from decision 2017/2014 related to the appointment of an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti would be absorbed within the programme budget for 2016-2017.

7. In this context, the Group wishes to recall that the mandate ofthe Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti was extended with the purpose offollowing closely and providing advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability.in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti.

8. The Group of 77 and China, therefore, supports the provision ofthe required resources to

finance the resolution and decision adopted by the ECOSOC at its 2017 session.,.

Mr. Chairman,

9. The Group assures you of our continued commitment to participate actively and
constructively in the consultations on this important agenda item.

I thank you, Mr.Chair.

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