

## STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA

MISSION OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 136:

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019:

## Mr. Chair,

- 7. Turning to the strengthening of the internal control, the Group of 77 and China has taken note of the efforts made by the Secretary-General to provide training and skills development to promote IPSAS sustainability.
- 8. The Group concurs with the view of the Advisory Committee that, despite the fact that the Secretary-General planned a pilot exercise to test the assurance process in selected peacekeeping missions, he doesn't include relevant information in the final progress report as a result of the six months delay of the preparation of the statement of internal control. The Group looks forward to receiving the result of the pilot next year.

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