

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA  
BY MS. LOURDES PEREIRA SOTOMAYOR, FIRST SECRETARY,  
PERMANENT MISSION OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. AT THE**

**CLOSING SESSION OF THE MAIN PART OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND  
SESSION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
(New York, 22 December 2017)**

Mr. Chairman,

1. I am pleased to participate in this closing session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

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2. I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his leadership and the Fifth Committee for its work.

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The Group of 77 and China continues to maintain that an effective and efficient

United Nations is key to the pursuit of a more just and equitable international order and