



- Firstly, the Group welcomes the decreasing trend of exceptions of standard of accommodation of air travel authorized by the Secretary General during the biennium 2016-2018 compared to the preceding biennium in line with relevant General Assembly resolutions. We encourage the Secretary General to further intensify his efforts to minimize the use of exceptions. Furthermore, the Group shares the view of the advisory committee that the approval process for exceptions regarding air travel will not be decentralized as part of the