



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on the
Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial management
and Practices (Sequencing Report).

2. The Group of 77 and China would like to thank Ms. Catherine Poindexter,
General for the Department of Management, Strategy and Policy, for her
presentation of the report contained in document A/74/852. We would like to thank the
Advisory Committee for their report on this matter through the Chairman,
Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong.

Mr. Chair,

3. The Group has long stated the importance of the

Committee for Programme and
Coordination (CPC) as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic
and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination, in particular its duty to
make recommendations with respect to work programmes proposed by the Secretariat to give
effect to the legislative intent of the relevant policy-making organs. The CPC is an
indispensable filter in this regard, as

5. Our previous deliberations on this matter were extensive, yet largely inconclusive. The concerns our Group presented to this Committee regarding the strategic framework were not addressed completely by resolution 74/251. However, in the spirit of compromise, and acknowledging the heavy reporting requirements the Secretariat is undergoing every year under an annual programme budget, our 134 members conceded on this point and settled for a report to be considered during the remainder of the 74th session.

Mr. Chair,

6. We are grateful for the briefing ASG Ramanathan afforded to our Group on April 15 of this year. While we acknowledge the challenges the Secretariat at large has faced under the COVID-19 pandemic and the extended telecommuting conditions, we fail to see ample differences between the information presented to us in the aforementioned briefing and the report itself, that would warrant such a delay in its presentation to this Committee. When the General Assembly requests that a report be presented in a specific session, introducing it after the official closing date of the Second Resumed Session is hardly complying with that request.

7. Taking into account this delay and the mounting pressure during the second resumed session for the Organization to have an approved budget for Peacekeeping Operations, our Group allowed this agenda item's consideration to be postponed to this session, well after it was supposed to be discussed. Once more, we put aside our priorities and concerns for the sake of the collective good.

Mr. Chair,

8. The Group notices the options provided in the Secretary General's report as alternatives to the current status quo under the annual format on a trial basis, yet we are concerned by the number of obstacles raised by the Secretariat that portray any option different to the status quo as cumbersome and next to impossible. It glosses over the fact that the current arrangement violates the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as well as the established budgetary practice the United Nations has followed since 1974, through which budgets have been constructed on the basis of a strategic framework, previously agreed upon by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

9. In this regard, the Group wishes to remind the Committee that in resolution 72/266 the General Assembly reaffirmed that no changes to the budget methodology, established

