



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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activities related to the protection of witnesses and victims; the judicial and administrative proceedings; the supervision of enforcement of sentences; the assistance to national authorities and State cooperation; the maintenance of archives and court management; and the legacy and outreach.

8. The Group of 77 and China commends the efficiency measures taken by the Residual Special Court, including the return of unspent balance and the limitation of travel requirements among other operational efficiencies.

9. The Group conveys its sincere gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for its continuous support and commitment towards the functioning of the Court, as well as other Member States and partners for their invaluable support towards the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Mr Chair,

10. Despite the support of Member States and the fundraising endeavors of the Secretary-General, the Group is deeply concerned about the future financing of the Residual Court. Indeed, we are particularly worried that, since 2015, the Court has not received sufficient voluntary contributions for its activities and therefore had to rely on subventions from the General Assembly.

11. The Group notes that this unpredictable nature of voluntary contributions continue to pose serious challenges to the sustainability of the work of the Court, and the effective implementation of its mandate.

12. In that regard, Group of 77 and China reiterates the need for a long-term sustainable funding mechanism for the Court, including through a combination of assessed contributions from Member States and the provision of logistical and administrative support to the Court by the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

13. To conclude Mr. Chair, the Group assures you of our readiness to engage constructively in the consideration of this agenda item with a view to reaching conclusion in a timely manner.

I thank you.