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**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY  
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REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 161:  
FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN SOUTH SUDAN, IN THE  
FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE MAIN PART OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
(New York, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011)**

**Mr. Chairman,**

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the African Group on agenda item 161 entitled Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;

2. The African Group would like to thank the Assistant Secretary-General, the Controller, Ms Maria Eugenia Casar, for introducing Secretary-General's report contained in document A/66/532. The Group would also like to thank Mr. Collen Kelapile, Chairman of the ACABQ, for introducing the Advisory Committee's related report contained in document A/66/592.

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. The African Group recalls that by its resolution 65/257 B of 30 June 2011, the General Assembly noted the intention of the Security Council to establish a successor mission to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) and in that regard, appropriated and assessed an amount of USD 482.5 million for the maintenance of UNMIS for the six-month period from 1 July to 31 December 2011. The Assembly further authorized the Secretary-General to draw upon the resources approved for UNMIS in entering into commitments for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2011 for UNISFA and any further missions established by the Security Council before 31 December 2011 in support of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement,

4. The African Group also recalls that by its resolution 1996 (2011) of 8 July 2011, the Security Council established the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) for an initial period of one year, and decided that the Mission will consist of up to 7,000 military personnel, including military liaison officers and staff officers; up to 900 civilian police personnel, including formed units, and an appropriate civilian component, as well as technical human rights investigation expertise,

**Mr. Chairman,**

5. The African Group notes that by its resolution 1996 (2011) of 8 July 2011, the Security Council mandated UNMISS, *inter alia*, to consolidate peace and security, and to help establish the conditions for development in the Republic of South Sudan, with a view to strengthening the capacity of the Government of South Sudan to govern effectively and democratically and also to establish good relations with its neighbors;

6. The Group notes the proposals for the establishment of multifunctional clusters, which is expected to facilitate a coherent approach to mandate delivery. We also note the decentralized approach taken in the organizational structure of the Mission and stated focus of UNMISS on national capacity building, and we look forward to receiving more details on these issues during informal consultations,

**Mr. Chairman,**

7. The African Group emphasizes the need for strong co-ordination and co-operation among the UN Missions in the region and between Mission and the key actors including host government and United Nations Country Team.

8. The African Group notes the applications of the standardized funding model in UNMISS and like the ACABQ; our Group will be keen to receive further details on this approach in the context of the performance report;

9. Finally, the African Group welcomes and support the proposal of Secretary-General amounting to USD 738.27 million for financing the mission for the period of 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. We would like to assure you of our readiness to participate in expeditious and constructive deliberations on this important agenda item.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman