

**STATEMENT BY  
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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 144 FINANCING OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL RESIDUAL MECHANISM, DURING THE FIRST  
RESUMED PART OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY- FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

Permit me to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau for the work you are doing in leading the Committee's deliberations. I want to assure you of our continued cooperation and support.

At the outset, the United Republic of Tanzania associates itself with the statements made by the representatives of Cote d'Ivoire and Fiji on behalf of Africa and the Group of 77 and China respectively.

**Mr. Chairman,**

I take the floor to speak on agenda 144. We thank the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, Mr. Johannes Huisman, for introducing the Secretary-General's report on construction of the new facilities in Arusha.

We also thank Mr. Richard Moon, Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for introducing the related report.

**Mr. Chairman**

The United Republic of Tanzania is committed to support and facilitate the work of the ICTR and the IRM, a commitment we have undertaken with regard to other regional bodies such as East African Community and African Court of Human and Peoples Rights located in Arusha.

We believe that in hosting ICTR and IRM we are playing an invaluable role in facilitating the implementation of the mandates of these two Organs. We therefore wish to reiterate our continued commitment in facilitating the speedy implementation of the construction project in Arusha.

In this regard, urge close relationship and consultations between the host country and the project management team as an essential element for the smooth implementation of this project.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We wish to recall resolutions 66/240 A and B and to welcome steps taken and progress made in facilitating their implementation, in particular the shortening of the construction time, completion of the conceptual design and revised cost estimates.

We encourage the Secretariat to continue exploring additional measures with a view to further reduce the time for construction while guaranteeing effective oversight, quality and scope of the project.

We are also pleased to note the application of the local knowledge base in the design stage in keeping with best practices and lessons learned from other construction projects in the region, namely, the UN Office in Nairobi (UNON) and Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa.

We encourage the Secretariat to take advantage of such available pool of local knowledge in the construction sector in the country in the implementation of this project.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We have noted with concern that a deferred action on the assessment in the amount of US\$ 1.5 million is not included in the Secretary-General's report. We will be keen to learn the rationale for the omission of this key ingredient.

We also note the revised estimates in the amount of US\$ 8.79 million and wish to highlight the need for the approval of the proposed budget level to enable Secretary-General to take necessary actions on the budget elements.

Accountability and oversight are key elements in ensuring the project is delivered efficiently and timely. We therefore welcome the views expressed by the ACABQ on the need for continued oversight of the project, including by the Office for Internal Oversight Services. In this regard, we look forward to receiving information on the recruitment of the project manager.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Lastly, allow me to assure you of our readiness to engage in constructive deliberations on this item during the informal consultations, in the context of G77 and China.

I thank you