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**REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP ON OTHER
MATTERS: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL FOR YUGOSLAVIA; INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL
TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDUAL
MECHANISM FOR CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS**
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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, the African Group would like to thank you for giving us an opportunity to make our remarks on other matters related to the proposed single financial statement for the three different entities namely International Tribunal for Yugoslavia; International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

The African Group fully align itself with the position expressed by the representative of the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and we would like to re-emphasize that African Group is not in favor of merging the financial statement of the three entities into one financial statement. We are not convinced with the argument being generated by the administration on this matter including argument on IPSAS implementation.

The Group has strong attachment to continue to receive separate audited financial statement of these entities as per current practice. We strongly believe any proposed attempt diverting from the current reporting will undermine transparent and accountability. We have already directed our representative in the Bureau to present this position when an exchange between the AOC and the Bureau will take place. The African is not presenting this position for negotiation.

Mr. Chairman,

We would also like to request you to present this position to the ACABQ and then the AOC as well as relevant stakeholders in the Secretariat and we request that our remarks be included in the Official record for this meeting.

I thank you