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**STATEMENT
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UNITED NATIONS**

**AT THE CLOSURE OF THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, DURING THE MAIN PART OF
THE SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
[New York, 23 December, 2015]**

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to congratulate you for your capable leadership, as well as the other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat for a job well done and for their constant support. Your guidance and leadership skills are more evident after the successful conclusion of this main part of the current session.

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and by the Republic of Tanzania on behalf of the African Group.

This is a memorable year for the Committee. For the first time in several years, we are going to celebrate Christmas Eve with our families in peace of mind and not worry about the work of the Fifth Committee. In addition, throughout this main part of the 70th session, delegations have demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment and engagement, and most important, we have built our mutual trust and respect in the course of the negotiations. We have proven that we are capable of concluding the sessions within the time frame allocated to the Committee by the General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

Lessons must be learned after we have reached this benchmark. We have observed that when fully empowered and entrusted from beginning to end, experts can produce fruitful outcomes. Perhaps this could be one good way to improve the working methods, as well as our efficiency and effectiveness.

Finally, allow me, Mr. Chairman, to encourage all delegations to carry out the same spirit of constructive engagement during the discussions of the first and second resumed sessions.

Mr. Chairman,

I express my delegation's wishes of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, all in attendance, and your dear families.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.