

**REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP  
BY MR. JUSTIN KISOKA, MINISTER COUNSELLOR AT THE PERMANENT MISSION OF  
THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE CLOSURE OF  
THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, DURING THE MAIN PART OF SEVENTIETH  
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FIFTH COMMITTEE  
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**Thank you Chairman,**

At the Outset, the Group appreciate the presence of Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under Secretary General for Management as well as Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller.

On behalf of African Group, I would like to thank you for your leadership as well as the Bureau for guiding our work in this session. We would also like to appreciate dedicated efforts of the Secretariat of the Committee for facilitating our work which was conducted---sometimes under difficult and complex environment.

The Group fully share the views expressed by the Representative of the Republic of South Africa-Mr. Lyle Davidson on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The African Group is happy and proud to be part of the greatest achievement reached by the Committee today---and of course at the experts' level--and by consensus. We encourage the continued of the same spirit in the coming sessions. We thank Delegates for their engagement to address the issues before the Committee.

It is our expectations that the Secretary General and Managers including Mr. Takasu will ensure the timely and full implementation of the mandates given using the scarce resources just allocated-after long negotiations days.

**Mr. Chairman,**

As we close the year and the Session, The African Group would like on special note to thank the Delegation of the Republic of South Africa for their excellent leadership to the Group of 77 and China. We join other delegations in celebrating the accomplishment of the outgoing Chairman.

The African Group would also like to assure the Kingdom of Thailand--the incoming Chair of G77 and China our support in the facilitating the work of Group.

Thanks and Happy Holidays to All,