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**REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY
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MISSION OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 141: UNITED NATIONS COMMON
SYSTEM AT THE MAIN PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY-FIFTH COMMITTEE
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Mr. Chairman,

The African Group would like to thank Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes, Chair of the International Civil Service Commission, Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee of Administrative and Budgetary Questions for their introduction of respective reports under this agenda item.

Allow me also to thank the staff representatives for their remarks this morning.

The Group aligns itself with the remarks by the representative of the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Just a brief Note to state that the African Group attaches great importance to the welfare of the staff under the United Nations common system who are serving people across the world. We have taken a good note of the reports as well as remarks presented to us this morning and we are examining the details of the contents and their respective implication to the staff and organizations.

The Group will make specific contributions during the informal consultations on this matter. Our interventions will not geared at making the staff welfare 'worse off' but rather making 'better off' from the existing arrangement.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman,