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**CLOSING REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP BY
MR. JUSTIN KISOKA, MINISTER COUNSELOR AT THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS, DURING THE FIRST RESUMED PART OF THE SEVENTIETH
SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY-FIFTH COMMITTEE
(New York 24th March, 2016)**

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to thank the Bureau under your continued able leadership on the way you have facilitated and guided our work.

We align ourselves with the remarks delivered by the representative of the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Group appreciate the efforts of the Committee members related to the consideration of the agenda items allocated in this part of the seventieth session.

We share happiness on some of the outcomes reached today after extensive negotiations including on the special political missions including in Burundi and we look forward to see effective and efficient implementation of the given mandates.

Mr. Chairman,

It is unfortunate that, we could not finalize all the agenda items allocated in this part of the session including on the condition of service and operational arrangement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

The Group is also disappointed on the failure by the Secretary-General to present the proposals on the important agenda items among others, financing of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and Agenda 2030 as well as revised estimates for the Department of Political Affairs as expected. The Group looks forward for presentation and consideration of these and others deferred agenda items especially those of our key interest as soon as possible.

The African Group will continue to provide its contributions to facilitate the outcomes of this Committee.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you.