



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA ON AGENDA ITEM 134:
BIENNIUM 2016-2017: PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS (PBIs): STRENGTHENING
THE CAPABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO ASSIST MEMBER STATES IN
IMPLEMENTING THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY, AT
THE AT THE SECOND RESUMED PART OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

NEW YORK, 25 MAY2017

Madam Chair,

1. I have the honor to deliver a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. The Group would like to thank Mr. Pedro Guazo, Acting Deputy Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, for introducing the statement of the Secretary-General on agenda item 134: programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Programme Budget Implications (PBIs): Strengthening the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, contained in document A/C.5/71/22. We also thank Mr. Babou Sene, Vice-Chair, of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), for introducing the related report of the Committee in document A/71/912.

Madam Chair,

3. The Group will consider positively the provision of the resources requested by the Secretary-General, which was endorsed by ACABQ, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/71/L.66.
4. The Group of 77 and China calls for all mandates approved by intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations to be provided with adequate resources from the regular budget for their implementation.

Madam Chair,

5. In conclusion, I wish to assure you of the readiness of the Group of 77 and China to engage constructively on the negotiations on this very important agenda item.

I thank you.