



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
BY MS. LOURDES PEREIRA SOTOMAYOR, FIRST SECRETARY, PERMANENT
MISSION OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 136 :
PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019:
SUBVENTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT
RESEARCH, AT THE MAIN PART OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(New York, 6 October 2017)**

Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on agenda item 136: programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019: Subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR).

2. At the outset, the Group would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, for introducing the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2018-2019, as contained in document A/72/369. I also wish to thank Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for introducing its related report contained in document A/72/7/Add.2.

Mr. Chair,

3. The Group of 77 and China supports the proposed subvention to UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2018-2019.

4. The Group looks forward to the independent third-party assessment of UNIDIR, which is expected to be carried out in early 2018 and to be followed by a report of the Secretary-General.

5. The Group welcomes the call of the Board of Trustees to have a sustainable and stable funding structure and operating model that must be consistent with the mandate and objectives of the Institute, as contained in the statute of the Institute.

6. In conclusion, the Group wishes to assure you of its full cooperation during deliberations on this important agenda item with the objective of concluding in a timely manner.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.



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Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on agenda item 136, Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019: Conditions of Service of International Civil Service Commission and of the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
2. The Group would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General related to this agenda item contained in document A/72/366.

Mr. Chair,

3. The Group of 77 and China takes note of the report the Secretary-General that has been submitted directly to the General Assembly as per the request of the General Assembly in paragraph 9 of section III of its resolution 65/268.
4. Regarding the conditions of service of the full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Group notes that no change was proposed by the Secretary General both for the compensation and other conditions of service of the concerned officials. However, the Group would like during the informals to receive more detailed information on the current level of the cost-of-living adjustment of these officials.
5. The Group of G-77 and China looks forward to having constructive deliberations on this agenda item during the informal meetings.

I thank you Mr. Chair.