

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF KENYA BY MR. JOSEPH MASILA,
PERMANENT MISSION OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON
AGENDA ITEM AGENDA ITEM 135: REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARIAT, AT THE FIRST RESUMED PART OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD
SESSION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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At the outset, I wish to thank Mr. Christian Saunders, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Operational Support and Mr. Cihan Terzi, Chair of the Advisory Committee, for introducing their respective reports.

My delegation takes note of the Secretary General's efforts which are geared towards strengthening oversight, increasing transparency and accountability and managing the procurement function at the organization more strategically.

We welcome the various initiatives and innovative approaches geared towards enhancing the value proposition to the organization's clientele, especially the member states. We are encouraged by the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to increase access to the United Nations procurement market by ensuring that procurement opportunities are made as open and accessible as possible for vendors, in particular those from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Similarly, the efforts to professionalize procurement as part of the organization's procurement management strategy is a step in the right direction.

My delegation strongly believes that a robust procurement strategy must be grounded on sound empirical analysis and a strong business case in order to facilitate informed decision making. We share the concern of the Advisory Committee that the report lacks adequate level of detail and analysis in terms of

acquisition planning, demand analysis and contract management to serve as the basis on which a procurement strategy would be established and implemented.

Madam chair,

In conclusion, I want to assure you of my delegation's support and constructive engagement on this agenda item during the informal consultations.

Thank you