

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF KENYA BY MR JOSEPH MASILA,
PERMANENT MISSION OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON
AGENDA ITEM 136: PROGRAMME BUDGET BIENNIUM 2018-2019:
GLOBAL SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL (GSDM) AT THE FIRST PART
OF THE RESUMED SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTH
COMMITTEE**

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I thank you Madam Chair for this opportunity to make our intervention on this important agenda item. I wish to thank Mr. Christian Saunders, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Operational Support, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General on Global Service Delivery Model for the United Nations Secretariat, contained in document A/73/706 and Mr. Cihan Terzi, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for introducing its related report contained in document A/73/791.

Kenya attaches great importance to the Secretary General's reform agenda which is driven by the commitment and desire to make the United Nations more efficient and effective in the delivery of its mandate. The Global Service Delivery Model is an important component of this reform process. The GSDM is underpinned by the urgent need to improve the responsiveness, efficiency, transparency and accountability of service delivery by consolidating location-independent functions in a reduced number of locations. Allow me therefore to welcome the Secretary General's report and recommendations on the proposed Service delivery centres. We further welcome the Global Shared Service Centre management structure which will be responsible for providing strategic direction, oversight and ensuring consistency across locations and functions.

We take note that as part of the business case, the report estimates an annual cost reduction of \$23.0 million over the first five years of operations once the four Global Shared Service Centres are established

compared to the current cost of providing administrative support services, breaking even at the end of the third year. This is indeed welcome given the financial constraints the organization is currently facing and the need to optimally deploy the resources to enhance mandate delivery.

Implementation of the Global Service Delivery Model will affect existing staff and the organization in varied ways, and we take note that the Secretary General's report has outlined mitigation measures to be implemented to address this. We underscore the Advisory's Committee's recommendation that the Secretary-General should make every effort to mitigate the impact of the global service delivery model on affected staff, and to retain their skills, knowledge and experience as much as possible.

Madam Chair,

I wish to reiterate Kenya's commitment to honour its host country obligations and should Nairobi be selected to host one the global shared services center, the Government will work closely with the United Nations to ensure its smooth operationalization.

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

I thank you for your attention.