

**STATEMENT BY CAROLINE NALWANGA MAGAMBO , COUNSELLOR,
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AGENDA ITEM 144: UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND,
AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE MAIN PART OF THE
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ASSEMBLY**

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Madame Chair,

My Delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the representative of Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and we wish to make a few remarks in our national capacity.

Madame Chair my Delegation joins others in congratulating you upon your appointment and acknowledge the great work that you are already doing in the Fifth Committee. We also thank the Chair of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Mr John Levins, for introducing the report on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, and the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Babou Sene, for introducing the related report A/73/489.

We also wish to congratulate Mr. Sudhir Rajkumar for his appointment and acknowledge the presence and contribution of Ms. Parama Sen, Mr. Paul Dooley as well as Mr. David Kanja in their various capacities.

Madame Chair

My delegation has studied with great interest the report of OIOS on its comprehensive audit of the governance structure and related processes of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, issued as document A/73/341.

Our view is that OIOS has conducted this audit in a professional manner, and the recommendations in the report serve as a road map to bring about some much-needed enhancements to the structure and processes of the Pension Board.

The General Assembly, to which the Pension Board is accountable, has the duty to ensure that the Pension Board addresses the issues raised in the OIOS report as a matter of urgency.

Implementation of the OIOS recommendations as well as those of the advisory committee and the Board of Auditors will contribute considerably to strengthening the governance role of the Pension Board as well as promoting accountability of the Pension Fund's management to all stakeholders.

We look forward to contributing to the discussions in the Fifth Committee to achieve these goals.

I thank you.