

Statement on behalf of the African Group by Mrs Caroline Nalwanga Magambo , Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations , at the closing of the first resumed part of the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly
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Thank you Madam Chair.

I have the honour to deliver a statement on behalf of the African Group at the closing session of the first resumed part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly. The African Group aligns its statement to the statement delivered by the representative of the State of Palestine and would like to add a few remarks.

At the outset, allow me to express the African Group's gratitude for your personnel efforts in ensuring a consensual outcome of our deliberations and for guiding the committee to complete our work within the allotted time frame for this session.

In the same manner the Group wishes to express our appreciation for the work done by the Bureau members, the facilitators of the various agenda items and most importantly the work of Ms Sharon van Buerle and her team who supported the team and provided guidance throughout the session.

While the African Group engaged as burden sharers on all Agenda Items in this session. The Group is grateful that all agenda items were agreed upon by consensus and in particular the outcome in the budgets of the Special Political missions.

We thank all Groups and member states for their constructive engagement, which ensured a commonly agreed outcome mostly so on the Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals Arusha branch, Panel of Experts on Somalia, United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement and Revised estimates for the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic

The Group looks forward to engaging in the same spirit of consensus building with all member states during the second resumed session which will start a few weeks from now.

I thank you.