



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MS. DAYANA RIOS, MINISTER COUNSELOR IN THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEMS 132 AND 66, PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/69/L.43, ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA; AND DRAFT DECISION A/69/L.44, DATES FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE PROCESS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA, AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE MAIN PART OF THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (New York, 18 December 2014)**

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on agenda items 132 and 66, Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/69/L.43, Organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda; and programme budget implications of draft decision A/69/L.44, Dates for the meetings of the process of Intergovernmental Negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda.

2. The Group would like to thank the Officer in Charge of the Office of Programme Planning Budget and Accounts, Mr. Chandru Ramanathan, for introducing the statement A/C.5/69/15, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The Group also wishes to thank Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for his introduction of the draft statement of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The Group of 77 and China attaches great importance to the Organization of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda that will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, in New York and convened as a High-level Plenary meeting of the General Assembly;

4. The Summit will culminate negotiations aimed at fulfilling a central mandate stemming both from Rio+20 and from the Special Event on the MDGs held in 2013 to renew our collective efforts towards poverty eradication by achieving sustainable development in all its dimensions on the basis of a set of goals and targets that are global in nature and universally applicable to all countries.

5. The Group supports the additional requirements in the amount of \$1,314,900 under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, including \$1,108,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$153,200 under section 28, Public Information, and \$52,900 under section 34 Safety and Security.

6. The Group fully supports the provision of the resources requested by the Secretary-General, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/69/L.43 and draft decision A/69/L.44.

Mr. Chairman,

7. The Group of 77 and China call for all mandates approved by intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations to be provided with adequate resources from the regular budget for their implementation.

8. In conclusion, I wish to assure you of the readiness of the Group of 77 and China to engage constructively on the negotiations on this very important agenda item.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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