



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MR. MAGID YOUSIF, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY, REPUBLIC OF SUDAN, ON AGENDA ITEM 132: PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011, AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE MAIN PART OF THE 64TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (New York, 24 November 2009)**

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on this agenda item.
2. The Group of 77 and China would like to thank the Secretariat for the introduction of the relevant reports under this agenda item. The Group would also like to thank the Chairperson of the ACABQ for introducing the related reports of the Committee, and the Office of Internal Oversight Services for presenting the report on the audit of conference services put at the disposal of the Human Rights Council in 2009.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The Group of 77 and China stresses the importance of providing the necessary resources to finance all decisions of intergovernmental organs of the Organization in the field of social and economic development. In this regard, the Group believes that adequate resources must be provided to fund the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its substantive session. We also wish to underline the role of the Committee on Programme and Coordination, as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and ECOSOC for planning, programming and coordination, in reviewing the programmatic changes to the programme budget.
4. The Group of 77 and China notes the request for the subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). The Group expresses its appreciation to the useful work carried out by the Institute and supports the approval of the total amount of 558,200 US dollars for UNIDIR from the regular budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

Mr. Chairman,

5. The Group of 77 and China deeply regrets that Human Rights Council was not provided with adequate conference services in 2009. The Group expresses its concern with the findings of the OIOS on this issue, and regrets that inadequate coordination in the Secretariat also had a negative impact in the provision of conference services to the Council.
6. The Group of 77 and China stresses the need for the Secretary-General to closely monitor the financial situation of the Human Rights Council and to bring to the attention of the General Assembly, whenever required, any resource needs that the Human Rights Council may have to discharge its mandated activities, in particular the universal periodic review. The Group underlines also the need to ensure that the Human Rights Council, as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, is provided with all necessary conference services to support its mandated activities.

Mr. Chairman,

7. With regard to the reports related to Information and Communication Technology, Enterprise Resource Planning System, and Business Continuity Management, the Group will seek clarification on a number of issues during informal consultations.

I thank you.