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Statement by the Chairman of the G-77 & China and Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO, after the vote on Palestine

Madam President, I speak with a sense of history, a sense of responsibility and a sense of constructive anticipation. I also speak on behalf of the Group of 77 & China.

The Group of 77 & China welcomes the affirmative and significant vote in favor of Palestine, and welcomes Palestine to the UNESCO family. The Group believes that this will strengthen the inclusiveness of UNESCO, and enhance its role as a platform for discussion and dialogue. It is a place where ideas and thoughts mingle in common and just cause, in the promotion and furtherance of peace.