



**Statement of the Group of 77 and China during the IAEA Informal Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee, on 16 May 2019, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Omar Amer Youssef, Permanent Representative of Egypt**

Madam Chair,

1. Before addressing the issue of the Due Account Mechanism, the Group would like to state that its formal statements as delivered by the Group contain the sum of the Group's collective positions.
2. Concerning the Due Account Mechanism, the Group expresses its appreciation for the efforts and hard work by the co-facilitators, the Ambassadors of Morocco and Slovenia, and their commitment to inclusiveness and transparency and takes note of the recommendations contained in Note 2018/77. The Group holds that, in striving to achieve a positive impact on the rate of attainment, the principles of fairness, neutrality and universality should continue to be preserved. The Group also believes that the application of the Mechanism should be done in a manner that does not adversely affect the TC Programme. The Group continues to be of the view that any progress on this subject should depend on dialogue, consultations, consensus and the decisions of the Policy Making Organs.
3. The Group remains open to engaging in consultations on the basis of the co-facilitators report.

Thank you Madam Chair.