



Statement of the Group of 77 and China during the Eighth Meeting of the Working Group on the Regular Budget and TCF Targets for 2020-2021, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Omar Amer Youssef, Permanent Representative of Egypt

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Co-Chairs,

1. The Group wishes to thank you for your efforts to build consensus on the Programme and Budget and the determination of TCF Targets for 2020-2021. It believes that the Working Paper, as contained in Note 52, presented by you represents a delicate compromise. While the balance in allocation of resources to promotional and non-promotional activities remains unachieved to the desired extent, the fixing of the TCF Targets at the levels proposed in the Working Paper are a step in the right direction to meet the ever-growing demands on the Technical Cooperation Programme. Any downward revision of these targets would jeopardise the basis of the compromise that the Group would be willing to accept.

Co-Chairs,

2. The Group once again records its satisfaction that some of the views expressed and concerns raised during the deliberations of this Working Group have found reflection in the working paper.

3. In future, the Group will continue to call for sustained efforts to render resources for the TCP sufficient, assured and predictable in order to enable the Agency to effectively deliver on its main statutory function.

Thank you, Co-Chairs.