



**STATEMENT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA DURING THE
SECOND WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE MEDIUM-TERM
STRATEGY 2024-2029, DELIVERED BY H.E. MR. AZZEDDINE
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Mr. Chair,

1. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would like to congratulate you, a member of the Group, on assuming chairmanship of the informal Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on the preparation of the Medium Term Strategy 2024–2029. We assure you of the Group’s full support and constructive engagement in this process.

2. We would like to thank the Secretariat for the presentations made at the first meeting of the Working Group and today which will help facilitate our discussions on the MTS 2024-2029.

3. The Group maintains that the MTS must be fully consistent with the Statute of the Agency as well as decisions and resolutions of the policy making organs. As such, it should reflect an appropriate balance between the Agency's promotional and non-promotional activities.

Thank you, Chair.