



**STATEMENT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA DURING THE FIFTH  
WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY  
2024-2029, DELIVERED BY MR. SAID AHOUGA, MINISTER  
PLENIPOTENTIARY, PERMANENT MISSION OF MOROCCO**

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Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. The Group would like to reiterate its appreciation for you in conducting the discussions of the open-ended Working Group on the preparation of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2024-2029 in an inclusive, transparent and professional manner.
3. The Group would also like to thank the Secretariat for responding to suggestions, comments and questions by members of the Group at the last meeting of the Working Group and for the revised draft of the MTS 2024-2029.
4. While the Group will analyze the revised draft and revert with comments thereon, it would like to refer to its priorities for the MTS set out in previous statements. To recall, the Group reiterates that the MTS 2024-2029 must:
  - a. Be consistent with the Statute and the decisions and resolutions adopted by the Policy Making Organs of the Agency;
  - b. Be based on the evolving priorities Member States, with special attention to the needs of developing countries;
  - c. Reflect an appropriate balance between the Agency's promotional and non-promotional activities.
  - d. Place broader emphasis on enhancement of the Technical Cooperation Program, resources for which must be made Sufficient, Assured and Predictable (SAP).
5. To conclude, Mr. Chair, the Group looks forward to constructive discussions during the process and assures you of its full support.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.