



**STATEMENT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA DURING THE SIXTH
WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY
2024-2029, DELIVERED BY H.E. MR. AZZEDDINE FARHANE,
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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 once again like to reiterate its appreciation for you in conducting the discussions of this open-ended Working Group in an inclusive, transparent and professional manner while taking into account the Group's concerns. This has helped us make significant progress towards finalization of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2024-2029.
3. The Group would also like to thank the Secretariat for responding to suggestions, comments and questions by members of the Group at the previous meetings of the Working Group and for the revised draft of the MTS 2024-2029.
4. The Group has articulated its priorities for the MTS in previous meetings. At this point, the Group would like to reiterate its belief that the guiding principles as set out in INFCIRC 267 must continue to govern the formulation of the Technical Cooperation Programme which must not be made subject to any conditions not set out in the Agency's Statute.
5. To conclude, Mr. Chair, the Group assures you of its continued support in finalizing the MTS 2024-2029.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.