



**Group of 77 and China Statement at the Joint Meeting of the Reconvened
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Agenda Item 4: Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

1. It is my pleasure to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at this joint meeting of the reconvened sessions of the CND and the CCPCJ.
2. The Group appreciates the leadership of the chairs of the CND and CCPCJ in these reconvened sessions. The Group also thanks the Secretariat for the arrangements of the meeting.
3. The Group reiterates the significance of the FINGOV as the principal forum for dialogue between Member States and the UNODC on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office. The Group thanks the FINGOV Chair for her open, inclusive, and transparent development of the non-paper, which would inform the UNODC Strategy 2026-2030 and elaborates ideas on UNODC's future in the context of continuing funding challenges.
4. The Group expresses its serious concern over the impact on the predictability of UNODC's work, resources, and planning due to the challenges related to reduced income streams, insufficient and unpredictable funding, greater earmarking of funds, and financial constraints resulting from the liquidity crisis. The Group notes the 14 per cent reduction in the overall expenditure projections from all funding sources in the 2026-2027 consolidated budget mainly due to the projected decrease in income for special purposes funds.
5. The Group reiterates the importance of adequate, predictable, stable, and sustainable funding to enable the UNODC to enhance the provision of technical assistance, capacity-building and needed equipment and technology to developing countries, upon their request and according to their priorities. Furthermore, the Group emphasizes the need for the efficient utilization of such resources to ensure long-term sustainability.
6. Amidst an environment of funding challenges, the Group stresses the importance of sustaining the UNODC regional and country programmes and projects in developing countries. The Group expresses its commitment to support the UNODC in addressing the financial challenges and difficulties in the process of their full implementation.
7. The Group emphasizes that projects funded by voluntary contributions should be aligned with UNODC's mandates and Member States' priorities, in particular developing countries, to address the main global challenges in the fields of drugs and crime. The Group calls upon the UNODC to implement the consolidated budget, in a transparent, accessible and inclusive manner. While welcoming voluntary contributions, the Group is concerned over the continuing imbalance between earmarked and unearmarked resources,

which poses significant challenges for the UNODC, affecting its ability to respond to rapidly changing global priorities, to deliver on core mandates and to strengthen enablers of development. In this regard, the Group calls for an increase in contributions to the general purpose fund and unearmarked contributions as well as the diversification of income sources and partnerships.

8. The Group looks forward to the UNODC Strategy 2026-2030 and calls on the UNODC Secretariat to closely consult Member States during its development. The Group would like to see reflected in the next strategy the important issues for developing countries contained in the non-paper prepared by the FinGov Chair such as, *inter alia*, the continued delivery of technical assistance and capacity-building as well as fostering national ownership during the conception, development and implementation of projects.

9. The Group notes the information regarding the staff composition presented by the Secretariat during the FinGov meetings this year, particularly that gender parity has been achieved at all levels from P1 to D1 within the UNODC. The Group further takes note of the UNODC's efforts towards equitable geographical representation. Nonetheless, the Group remains concerned that geographical representation in the UNODC continues to be dominated by just one region. The Group underlines the importance of respecting and implementing the principle of equitable geographical representation and calls upon the UNODC to take serious and concrete measures to improve the representation of developing countries in the Office at all levels.

10. The Group extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the former Executive Director Madame Ghada Fathi Waly for her leadership and steadfast dedication to the UNODC. Under her guidance, the Office evolved into a dynamic and forward-looking UN entity. Madame Waly's commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and innovation has not only strengthened the organization's capacity to deliver on its core mandates, but also ensured that the voices and needs of Member States—especially those from developing countries—are meaningfully addressed.

Thank you, Co-Chairs.