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**Intervention by H.E. Dr. James Alex Msekela,  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania,  
Chairman of the Group of 77 and China on agenda item 11 - UNCTAD's contribution  
to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations  
conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, at the sixty-fourth session of  
the Trade and Development Board**

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**Mr. President,**

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of Group of 77 & China. We thank the Deputy-Secretary-General for her presentation of the Secretariat's report on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields.

Being focal in the UN system on trade and development issues, it is critically important for UNCTAD to contribute substantially to all relevant conferences and processes at international level. We recognize the key role played by the UNCTAD Secretariat, as an independent and neutral body of the Organization for policy analysis, in making its contribution to UN summits and processes. It is also important for Member States to be consulted before finalizing these contributions and inputs by the Secretariat.

**Mr. President,**

The report highlights activities of the Secretariat to contribute to several processes. We underline the need to do accurate and impartial reporting while covering relevant issues.

**I thank you Mr. President**