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**Statement by
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on Behalf of the African Group
at the Third Segment of the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Trade and
Development Board**

**Item 11: Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework
and the Programme Budget**

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President of the Trade and Development Board, **Ambassador Federico Villegas**,
Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD **Madam Isabelle Durant**,
Excellencies,

I am presenting this statement of behalf of the African Group.

The Africa Group aligns itself with the statement presented by Zambia on behalf of the G77 and China. We would like to reiterate and commend the flexibility and understanding that led the discussions and conclusions of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget.

Mr. President,

There is a great importance in the adoption of specific Terms of References as recommended by the Working Party for the approval by the Board taking into account its impact on the preparation of the Programme Plan, budget documents, among others.

Mr. President,

The African Group welcomes the decisions on the Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing, including on the UNCTAD technical

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cooperation in supporting the i) achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the spirit of leaving no one behind; ii) the prioritization of UNCTAD support to developing countries to respond to the Covid-19 socio-economic challenges; iii) the increased focus of resources on LDCs; iv) **the importance of more predictable, stable funding through multi-year and non-earmarked contributions to UNCTAD technical cooperation;** v) **the urgent need to address the funding gap for General Assembly mandated activities of UNCTAD** to ensure sustainable funding to deliver timely technical cooperation to address the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in Developing countries in particular African countries, as well as to **ensure the necessary prioritization of resources.**

I thank you, Mr. President



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