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**Chair, H.E. Temina Janjua, Ambassador of Pakistan,
Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

Allow me to deliver this statement on behalf of the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya, who is not able to be here now.

First, I wish to congratulate you Chair and the bureau on your election.

The Kenya delegation wishes to appreciate the UNCTAD Secretariat for the preparing for this very important meeting and in particular for availing the documents that will form the basis for our discussions. I also welcome the very informative opening remarks by Mr. Joakim Reiter, the Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD at the opening plenary of this session of the Working Party.

The Kenya delegation aligns with the statements delivered by the representatives of Argentina and Namibia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the African respectively.

Chair,

The Kenya delegation takes this opportunity to support and reiterate some of the points presented by the Group of 77 and China and the African Group as follows:

1. This particular session of the working Party is very important to the UNCTAD family as it is the first high-level meeting in the hierarchy of UNCTAD decision-making organs that aims to in-corporate the outcome of Nairobi Maafikiano and Nairobi Azimio into the programme budget of

UNCTAD Secretariat. By extension, it aims at affirming the ways and means UNCTAD will contribute to the follow-up and implementation of the outcomes of the recent major UN Summits and Conferences. This in my view, calls upon the UNCTAD Secretariat and the Member States to do their best in reviewing the 2016-2017 biennium programme of work, as well as develop an elaborate 2018-2019 biennium programme and budget that reflects the priorities as identified in the Nairobi Maafikiano and other previous outcomes of UNCTAD Ministerial conferences.

2. Among the specific key features we look forward to at the end of this session of the Working Party include;
 - i). The continuation of UNCTAD's work based on previous mandates, for instance emanating from Doha in 2012 and in Accra in 2008.
 - ii). Fair and balanced treatment of the new or enhanced mandates as captured in the Nairobi Maafikiano, in particular the two new Intergovernmental Expert Group meetings on the Follow-up on Financing for Development and, e-commerce and the digital economy.
 - iii). The reinvigoration of the intergovernmental machinery so as to be able to effectively contribute to the attainment of UNCTAD mandates.
 - iv). Midway evaluation and review of progress towards follow-up and implementation of the UNCTAD 14 mandates as captured in paragraph 15 of the Nairobi Maafikiano.
 - v). Prioritization of UNCTAD's focus on addressing issues relating to developing countries.

Chair,

While we underscore the challenge that UNCTAD has to do more within existing resources, it is our hope that UNCTAD partners will go out of their way to provide required resources, including through extra-budgetary financing so as to make the move "from decisions to actions" a reality.

Finally, **Chair**, I wish to assure you and the bureau of the Kenya delegation's continued effective participation in the sessions ahead with a view to reaching a successful conclusion of this 74th session of the Working Party.

I thank you.