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STATEMENT BY THE KENYA DELEGATION DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET, 3-5 SEPTEMBER 2018, GENEVA.

**Chair,
Deputy Secretary General, Madam Isabela Durant,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Kenya delegation.

Allow me first to congratulate you and the bureau on your election to guide this important session of the Working Party.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks, the Deputy Secretary General, for the comprehensive and informative introductory statement. I also take this opportunity to appreciate the Secretariat and all those who were involved in the preparation of the documentation for this 76th session of the Working Party.

Chair,
The Kenya delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the representatives of Pakistan and the Sudan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the African Group respectively. In this respect, I wish to reiterate a few issues.

Chair,
This particular session of the working Party is very important as it accords Member States an opportunity to deliberate alongside the Secretariat one of the critical pillars of UNCTAD, that is, technical cooperation. It is therefore Kenya delegation's hope that the deliberations will not only enhance understanding of the activities undertaken in the previous year

but add value to future thinking and implementation of technical cooperation activities.

The examination of UNCTAD's work on technical cooperation and evaluation of Subprogrammes i.e. Subprogramme 4 on technology and logistics and; Subprogramme 5 on Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes is necessary as it will help ensure focus of UNCTAD's work in delivering technical cooperation, satisfies both the recipients and development partners who contribute to their financing. More important is also the fact that the evaluation should aim at ensuring UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities respond to the needs of the recipients, the over-arching drive to contribute to Agenda 2030 and the sustainable development goals as well as the UNCTAD's mandate as provided in the Nairobi Maafikiano.

Chair,

With regard to the review of technical cooperation activities and their financing, the Kenya delegation wishes to note with concern the fact that contributions to UNCTAD Trust Fund for technical cooperation reduced by 12% in 2017 compared to 2016. As the report points out, this reduction is occasioned by reduced contributions, mainly by developed countries.

It should also not be lost that while the overall contributions by developed countries reduced, some developed countries increased their contributions to the Trust Fund and to this end we wish to express our appreciation and at the same time call upon other developed countries , partners, as well as developing countries and countries with economies in transition in a position to do so, to contribute or increase their contributions to the Trust Fund in order to enable UNCTAD effectively deliver on this important pillar of its work. This notwithstanding, the usual expectation to do more with less that underlines the need for efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of technical cooperation activities.

Chair,

As regards external evaluation of Subprogramme 4- Technology and Logistics, the Kenya delegation wishes to acknowledge the in-depth evaluation undertaken and the findings relating to relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability as well as cross cutting issues relating to the technical cooperation activities in the area of technology and logistics. We also wish to point out the highlighted limitation, that is, time and financing- that need to be given some more attention in planning for the external evaluations.

The Kenya delegation hopes the conclusions as well as the recommendations addressed to the Secretary General of UNCTAD and the Director, Technology and Logistics will be taken up accordingly with a view to address the identified limitations and needs.

Chair,

On item 4, regarding evaluation of UNCTAD's sub programme 5 on Africa, Least developed countries and Special Programmes, the Kenya delegation wishes to express appreciation to the evaluation team that went in the field to undertake the evaluation and prepared the report that is before this session for deliberations.

The findings of the external evaluation team provide useful insights regarding for instance quality, relevance and effectiveness of the capacity-building, policy advise and research in the area of trade and development. We hope the findings and recommendations by the evaluation team will form a good basis for improving delivery of assistance to this Group of countries.

Finally, **Chair**, the Kenya delegation looks forward to fruitful deliberations and outcomes that will positively impact on the future delivery of technical cooperation activities for our collective benefit.

I thank you.