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**Statement by Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China in Geneva  
at the Trade and Development Board, sixty-seventh executive session**

**Item 3 - Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the  
Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth session  
*Geneva, 5 February 2019***

Mr. President, Ambassador Salim Baddoura,  
Ms. Isabelle Durand, Deputy-Secretary General of UNCTAD  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. President,

1. The G77 and China conveys relevant value to the evaluation processes conducted at UNCTAD. In the same line recognizes the efforts made by the Secretary to implement the outcome recommendations from the evaluation processes.
2. The G77 and China expresses its concern regarding the diminishing of extra-budgetary resources allocated with evaluation purposes, and recalling the report we are about to examine, emphasizes on the request to the Secretariat to “focus on streamlining costs and fundraising extrabudgetary resources with this purpose”.
3. The G77 and China evokes its remarks during the Seventy-sixth session of the Working Party regarding the decline in contribution to UNCTAD’s trust funds which impact the technical cooperation and its effectiveness.
4. Finally, The Group of G77 and China endorses the agreed conclusions presented in the Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth session and recommends to the Trade and Development Board proceed accordingly.

Thank you!