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**Communication from the Group of 77 and China regarding the  
application of coercive economic measures and unilateral  
sanctions against developing countries<sup>1</sup>**

1. The Group of 77 and China express their deep concern at the increased application of coercive economic measures and unilateral sanctions against developing countries, including the new attempts aimed at extraterritorial application of domestic law, despite the rejection by the vast majority of the international community and the adoption of several resolutions by the United Nations General Assembly that urged the adoption of urgent and effective measures to eliminate them.
2. The use of coercive economic measures and unilateral sanctions seriously affects the economic and social development of many developing countries, hinders the well-being of their population and creates obstacles to the enjoyment of their human rights, including the right to development, the right of everyone to a standard of living adequate for their health and well-being, and their right to food, medical care and the necessary social services.
3. The Group of 77 and China firmly reject the imposition of laws and regulations that entail extraterritorial consequences and all other forms of coercive economic measures, including unilateral sanctions against developing countries, and reiterate the urgent need for their immediate repeal.
4. We underline that those measures undermine the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law and are in contradiction with the principles of the multilateral trading system and WTO rules, and also constitute a serious threat to the freedom of commerce, navigation and investment. Therefore we also reiterate our conviction that those measures are null.
5. The Group of 77 and China continue to emphasize the necessity for the total elimination of laws and regulations with adverse extraterritorial effects and other forms of unilateral economic coercive measures.

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