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#### Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Group of 77 and China

#### THEME: Six Decades of Unity and Future Progress

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**Geneva, 13 September 2024** –The Group of 77 and China commemorated its 60th anniversary today with a high-level event held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, under the leadership of Cambodia, Chair of the Geneva Chapter. Themed "Six Decades of Unity and Future Progress". The commemoration brought together Member States and distinguished dignitaries, including UNCTAD Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan, ITC Executive Director Pamela Cook Hamilton, and senior representatives from the WTO and WIPO. Other Chapters of the Group of 77 and China, were presented through video messages underscoring the solidarity and collective vision of the Global South in addressing with the persistent global challenges.

The celebration featured two high-level panel discussions that reflected on the Group's strategic future as it prepares for the upcoming UNCTAD 16 Conference and beyond. The discussions focused on the urgent need to transform multilateral commitments into tangible benefits for developing countries, addressing the persistent challenges of poverty, inequality, and underdevelopment. Participants underscored the importance of reforming the architecture of the international financial system, bridging the digital and technological divides and the need for mainstream sustainable development strategies to ensure that no country is left behind. The panels reaffirmed the Group's commitment to leveraging the collective strength of the Global South to overcome emerging global issues such as climate change, digital divides, and economic disparities.

One of the key outcomes of the celebration was the adoption of the Joint Ambassadorial Statement, which reaffirms the guiding principles that have united the Group of 77 and China since its inception. The statement underscores the Group's unwavering commitment to addressing the three pillars of sustainability—economic, social, and environmental—in an integrated and holistic manner. This commitment reaffirms the commitments assumed by the Group's Ministers in the Third South Summit, held in Kampala, Uganda in January 2024, where Member States called for stronger international cooperation and equitable development solutions. The Joint Ambassadorial Statement also serves as the unified voice of the Global South, calling for continued collective action from developing nations in all international forums, particularly in the areas of trade, finance, and climate justice.

This 60th anniversary commemoration not only celebrated the historic achievements of the Group of 77 and China but also laid a strategic foundation for its future role in shaping global governance. With the active participation of international leaders, key stakeholders, and partners, the event highlighted the Group's enduring commitment to ensuring that the voices and interests of the Global South are not only heard but also integrated into the global development agenda. As the Group looks towards UNCTAD 16 and other key multilateral events, this milestone anniversary serves as a reaffirmation of its role in advocating for fairer, more equitable, and sustainable development pathways for all nations.