



Statement of the Group of 77 and China during the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on the Regular Budget and TCF Targets for 2022-2023, delivered by H. E. Ambassador Solano Ortiz, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica

Co-Chairs,

1. The Group of 77 and China wishes to thank the Co-Chairs for convening this meeting.

2. The Group has already expressed its views on different aspects of the proposed Regular Budget and TCF targets for the next biennium, and the Group wishes to thank the Secretariat for the information that has been provided thus far, including at today's meeting.

3. The Group continues to stand by the views and positions that it has expressed at the previous meetings of this Working Group, and reiterates its primary positions as follows:

- Firstly, there should be a balance between promotional and non-promotional activities.

- Secondly, a balanced distribution of the budget so as to reflect the equal importance of the three pillars of the Agency.

- Thirdly, the need for sufficient, assured and predictable resources for the Technical Cooperation Programme, which has seen an increase in number of Member States participating in the following biennium.

- Lastly, the IPFs, as agreed to in 2019, require substantial upwards adjustment considering the current factors, which influence the TCF targets.

4. The Group looks forward to the Co-Chair's WP and hopes that the WP would better address various concerns and priorities that the Group has articulated.

Thank you, Co-chairs.