



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON THE PROGRAMME BUDGET
IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/65/L.60/REV.1 UNDER
AGENDA ITEM 129, AT THE MAIN PART OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me floor.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China under agenda item 129 on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60/REV.1 entitled “Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”.

By its resolution A/61/149, the General Assembly initiated a process to focus world attention to contemporary challenges of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerances. Following the adoption by consensus of the mentioned resolution, the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR) took place in Durban, South Africa in 2001. The WCAR endorsed and adopted the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA).

At its fifty-second meeting on 23 November 2010, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60/Rev.1 by a resounding majority. The adoption of the resolution set the scene for the statement of program budget implications, to fund the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in September 2011. The Group is acutely aware that the tenth anniversary of the DDPA in 2011 aims to mobilize global political will to eradicate racism, racial discrimination and related intolerances.

The Group of 77 and China reaffirms the relevance and the validity of the ten-year anniversary of the commemoration of the adoption of the DDPA process, as mandated by the General Assembly. The Group is in full support of the associated statement of programme budget implications for the tenth anniversary event, arising from resolution A/C.3/65/L.60/Rev.1. In this regard, the Group reaffirms the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in particular rule 153.

The Group maintains that once a statement of programme budget implications is produced and submitted to the ACCABQ and the Fifth Committee, the status of a PBI

becomes the sole prerogative of this Committee. This Committee has the prerogative to consider the administrative and budgetary aspects of this Organisation's activities.

The Group endorses the draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60/Rev.1 PBI without reservations.

The G77 and China would like to express its disappointment at the targeting of the PBI related to the Ten Year Anniversary of the DDPA, including attempts to block the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. The G77 and China regrets that undue pressure was put on the Secretariat to sweep this particular PBI under the carpet. Attempts to silence the Ten Year Anniversary of the DDPA PBI, will not succeed on our watch.

We regret that a vote has been called relative to an event aimed at forging harmony, tolerance, and understanding in the world. The Group, therefore, urges delegations to vote in favour of the Ten Year Anniversary of the DDPA PBI.

I thank you.