



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE G77 AND CHINA BY MRS BERNADETTE M. SSEMPA, PERMANENT MISSION OF UGANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INTRODUCING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT AND THE PROMOTION OF DURABLE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA. (New York, June 16, 2014)

Mr. President,

I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/68/L.43/Rev.1 under Agenda item 63 (b) on the "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa".

The Group conveys its appreciation to all delegations for their constructive contributions to this draft resolution. We also thank all the member states that have co-sponsored the draft resolution.

Mr. President,

The draft resolution stresses, inter alia, that the responsibility for peace and security in Africa, including the capacity to address the root causes of conflict and to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner, lies primarily with African countries, while recognizing the need for the provision of support by the international community and the United Nations, taking into account the responsibilities of the Organization in this regard according to the Charter of the United Nations.

We welcome the progress made by African countries, the African Union and sub-regional organizations in conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and development. We call for intensified efforts and a coordinated approach among national Governments, the African Union, sub-regional organizations, the UN system and partners in addressing those challenges, with a view to achieving further progress towards the goal of a conflict-free Africa.

The draft resolution recognizes that international and regional efforts to prevent conflict and consolidate peace in Africa should be channelled towards the sustainable development of Africa and the human and institutional capacity-building of African countries and organizations, particularly in priority areas identified at the continental level.

We welcome, in this regard, the joint visit of the Secretary-General and the President of the World Bank to the countries of the Great Lakes region of Africa from 22 to 25 May 2013 and the financial pledge announced by the Bank during that visit in support of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region.

We also welcome the joint visit of the Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Presidents of the World Bank, and the African Development Bank, and the European Union Commissioner for Development to the Sahel region from 4 to 7 November 2013, during which financial pledges were made to support the implementation of the UN integrated strategy for the Sahel. We call for the fulfillment of all the pledges made during both visits.

The achievement of durable peace and sustainable development in countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, in particular, requires national Governments and international partners to continue to develop coordinated approaches tailored to the peacebuilding needs and challenges faced by those countries.

Mr. President,

The draft resolution also urges continued support for measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication and hunger, job creation and sustainable development in Africa, including, as appropriate, debt relief, improved market access, support for the private sector and entrepreneurship, fulfilment of commitments on official development assistance and increased flows of foreign direct investment and transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms. We recognize the need for African countries to make continued efforts to create enabling environments for inclusive growth in support of sustainable development and for the international community to make continued efforts to increase the flow of new and additional resources for financing for development from all sources, public and private, domestic and foreign, and welcomes the various important initiatives established between African countries and their development partners.

Mr. President, in conclusion the G77 and China looks forward to this draft resolution being adopted by consensus. I thank you for your attention.