## STATEMENT BY THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON PROGRAMMATIC, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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Mr Chair, Madam Executive Director, Distinguished Delegates,

As this is the first time Nigeria is taking the floor, permit me to congratulate you on the convening of this session of our Executive Board and to affirm Nigeria's full support throughout this session.

On behalf of my delegation, permit me to also congratulate the distinguished Chair of the ad hoc Committee and the members of the committee for the briefing just received and for their engagement which has brought about the remarkable progress we have all been briefed on.

This reaffirms the rationale behind the confidence reposed on the committee by this Executive Council. We look forward to continued progress in the discharge of its mandate.

This delegation wishes to raise some questions. With regards the ad hoc committee on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters, how would the committee assess its capacity to adequately represent the views and interests of the members of the Executive Board in line with its responsibilities on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters?

Secondly, in view of future engagements that will involve the board and in line with its experience so far, would there be any requirements that the ad hoc committee would wish for to enhance its processes and effectiveness.

I thank you.