

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the African Group on this agenda item: **“Request for Observer Status for the Group of Seven Plus in the General Assembly”**.

The African Group thanks the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Sierra Leone for the introduction of the draft resolution circulated as document [A/C.6/74/L.2]. The Group is appreciative of the fact that the draft resolution was prepared in the standard format for the General Assembly resolutions on request for observer status. We thank the Secretary-General for circulating the request for the inclusion of this item in the agenda of the General Assembly, document number A/74/214, and duly note the explanatory memorandum in the annex.

I have the high honour to express the support of the African Group for the draft resolution introduced on this agenda item. Indeed 15 of the 20 Member States of the Group of Seven Plus are members of the African Group, but our support for the draft resolution transcends the members

Group of Seven Plus to have an avenue through which it can pursue its objectives and provide collective input in the agenda and work of the United Nations, particularly on sustaining international peace and security, and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

Mr. Chairman,

The common factor amongst the Member States of the Group of Seven Plus is that all of them are either post-conflict or conflict-affected States facing

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