

Statement of the Delegation of Ghana (Mr. Kojo Yeboah-Asuamah) on behalf of African Member States

Ghana: Thank you Mr. President. Ghana is gradually becoming notorious for delivering a Vote of thanks. I recall that at the 40th Session, they gave Vote of thanks at the opening session and they gave Vote of thanks at the concluding session of the same session. Today, we are honoured and privileged to take the floor to propose a Vote of thanks for and on behalf of our brothers and sisters from Africa who have come to their home in Nigeria. We consider this Nigeria, as our home, because as you recall only about a fortnight ago, the African Union was born and the sense of solidarity and brotherhood could not have been more manifested, than this opportunity has given us. First, I would like to thank the President, the Government and People of Nigeria for hosting the session and extending to us a warm hospitality, which is in the true African tradition. But all these thanks would come to nothing if we fail to appreciate the teamwork that has made it possible for this session to come to a successful conclusion. In this regard I am referring to drivers, cooks, waiters, the officials from both Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice, the Secretariat staff, indeed all those who have had a hand making this meeting a success deserve our very sincere thanks. Mr. President, this Vote of thanks will not be complete if I fail to mention the hard work put in by the Secretary-General and his staff have put into preparation of this work. I take the opportunity to wish our friends and brothers from Asian region safe return home. Those of our African brothers who do not consider Nigeria as their home, if they have to go back where they were born I wish them safe journey and to all of you.