



Mr. Chairman,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates

Taking the floor for the first time during your tenure, Mr. Chairman, the Liberian delegation congratulates you on your election to chair this important Committee, and commends the excellent manner in which you are steering the work of this Committee. My delegation also wishes to align itself with the statements made by Yemen on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Malawi on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

Consideration of agenda items 28 (a) and (b) affords us the

opportunity to reflect upon the progress achieved so far in the struggle for



