



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MR. SAINALATI S. NAVOTI, COUNSELOR, FOR THE UNFCCC CHAIR OF G77 & CHINA, AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTA39) POLAND, WARSAW. 16 NOVEMBER, 2013.**

**Mr. Chairman,**

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. As we draw to a close the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of this Subsidiary Body, I wish to first express the sincere appreciation of the Group to all Parties for the hard work that they have exerted into the work on the various Agenda Item of this Body.

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. I just wish to make a comment on a number of issues.
4. On Agriculture, the Group G77 and China welcomes the rich exchange of views by Parties during the in-session workshop on the current state of scientific knowledge on how to enhance the adaptation of agriculture to climate change impacts while promoting rural development, sustainable development and productivity of agricultural systems and food security in all countries, particularly in developing countries, taking into account the diversity of the agricultural systems and the differences in scale as well as possible adaptation co-benefits  
The Group is looking forward to consider the report of the in-session workshop of the SBSTA 39, the submissions and the views expressed by the parties at the workshop, on the elements agreed at SBSTA 38, and to discuss them at the SBSTA 40 (June 2014), and to determine the way forward.
5. On Response Measures, the G77 and China welcomes the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures and its work program to address these impacts. In particular, we welcome the organization for this session of the workshop on area b of the work programme (cooperation on response strategies) and, as mandated by decision 1/CP.18, we look forward to continuing sharing views in the forum on policy issues of concern, such as unilateral measures.
6. Given the importance of this issue to all developing countries, the G77 and China tabled a text proposal for a decision here in Warsaw for the continuation of the forum and the establishment of a mechanism, with substantive proposals for specific areas of work. We want to express our disappointment at the lack of progress made on the review of the work of the forum and its continuation. This is due to the fact that the proposals made by developed country Parties did not address adequately the negative economic and social consequences of their response measures on developing country Parties.

7. We look forward to a favourable consideration of this issue under COP 19, for the adoption of a decision for the continuation of the forum and the establishment of a mechanism to give full consideration on what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties on this matter

8. On the Nairobi Programme of Work, the G77 and China welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the Nairobi Work Program and would like to highlight the importance of the process leading to the review of its objectives, action-oriented sub-themes and working areas, and the need for the Program to further enhance its work and the visibility of its products with a view to support the Adaptation Framework and its provisions.

9. The G77 and China welcomed the progress made at this session towards the 2013-2015 review. We underscored the importance of continuing the work under this agenda item in a inclusive, transparent and balanced manner.

**Mr. Chairman,**

10. On technology, the G77 and China recognizes the activities done by the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) during 2012 and welcomes its rolling work plan for 2012-2013. The group emphasizes the necessity for the TEC to structure its work plan in short and medium term, including the organisation of a thematic dialogue on enabling environment for technology development and transfer including the mechanisms needed to remove all barriers.

11. On the CDM, the Group takes note of the exchange of views on the item relating to the agenda of carbon dioxide capture and storage under the clean development mechanism projects activities.

12. On REDD+, the G77 and China looks forward to continuing the discussion on methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

13. On Research and Systematic Observations. The Group of 77 and China welcomes the draft conclusions on this agenda item. We welcome the information provided by the WMO on the developments regarding the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services and the outcome of the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services. We also welcome the contribution of Working Group 1 to the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the IPCC noting the importance of research and systematic observation for such assessments. We look forward to the release of Working II and Working Group III and the Synthesis Report of the AR5.

**Mr. Chairman,**

14. The G77 and China continue to emphasize the importance of systematic observation for the UNFCCC Process. We affirm that systematic observation is critical to advance scientific knowledge on climate change and for decision making on adaptation.

However, there are still gaps in key observational data in developing countries particularly in the ocean domain.

15. The G77 and China also recognize the importance of historical data records, and the need to enhance data rescue and digitization efforts and climate monitoring. We believe that a workshop on systematic observation could help to identify ways to strengthen systematic observation and to enhance capacity in support of adaptation planning.

16. On the methodological discussions related to the completion of the Guidelines for the Biennial Reports from Annex I Parties, with the view to developing a common tabular format for reporting part of the information required, the group acknowledges the progress of the work.

17. The G77 and China reiterates the Importance of supporting multilateral solutions when addressing the issue of emissions from the international maritime and civil aviation sectors working through the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), respectively, while taking into account the principles and provisions of the Convention and not on the basis of unilateral measures.

18. The Group of 77 and China reiterates its disappointment in relation to the opposition by Annex I countries to consider the Group's proposal on science and equity, as originally presented by Brazil's submission to the SBSTA on the development of a reference methodology on historical responsibilities by the IPCC to guide domestic consultations for the ADP 2015 Agreement. Several members of the Group have suggested enhancements to the Brazilian proposal with interventions in the ADP and the Group made several efforts to convene informal consultations through the SBSTA Chair. The African Group also has supported a principle-based reference framework in the ADP. The Group made concerted efforts to convene informal consultations through the SBSTA Chair. Refusal from Annex I countries to discuss in an open, transparent and inclusive manner is a clear indication of their lack of political willingness to stand up to their responsibilities, as required by the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capability. We would have hoped that the Warsaw COP had sent a positive signal regarding parties' willingness to openly discuss issues we know are complex and sensitive, but nonetheless essential to the ambition we all wish to see in 2015

Finally, Mr. Chairman,

19. I would like to reiterate the full commitment of the G77 and China to continue working to achieve concrete results during the next session of SBSTA next year.

I thank you.

