

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY AMBASSADOR RENE ORELLANA, CHAIR OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA, AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE 41<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTA41). Lima, Peru, 6 December, 2014.

## Mr. Chairman,

- 1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China during the Closing Plenary of the 41th Session of this Subsidiary Body.
- 2. We welcome the work of the Adaptation Committee and their recommendations that have been taken up at this session. We value the work of the AC since promoting coherence on adaptation activities globally is vital to our Group. We underscore the importance of collaboration between the AC and other constituted Bodies under the Convention. In particular, we strongly emphasise the need for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanisms to work together with the AC in fulfilling our adaptation priorities. We trust that the Decision adopted today allows these bodies to take into account the activities recommended by the Adaptation Committee.
- 3. Significant and substantial impacts of Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) are absent at the field level of the vulnerable countries. G77 & China are strongly in favour of an action oriented approach of NWP, particularly to address the needs of the vulnerable developing countries. Cancun Adaptation Framework and SBI might be the useful vehicle for successful implementation of Nairobi work program.
- 4. G77 & China is strongly in favour of an action-oriented approach of NWP, to especially address the needs of the particularly vulnerable developing countries. We hope to see the NWP make contributions to the Cancun Adaptation Framework. We hope to see the Programme evolve in that direction.

## Mr. Chairman,

- 5. On Development and Transfer of Technologies, the Group of 77 and China welcome the operation of the Technology Mechanism, but there are big gaps for the technology mechanism to delivery tangible and meaningful development and transfer of technologies to developing countries for climate change. It is crucial to establish clear linkages between financial mechanism and technology mechanism.
- 6. The Group emphasizes the necessity for the TEC to continue its work plan on enabling environment and removing barriers, with a view to come up with policy recommendations to the COP for consideration.

## Mr. Chairman,

- 7. Regarding REDD+, the G77 is frustrated that SBSTA was not able to conclude the consideration of the matters under this agenda item, in spite of our great flexibility and constructive efforts. The G77+China reiterates that it is time to move towards implementing the Warsaw Framework for REDD+.
- 8. The G77+China stresses that there is no need for further guidance on safeguards and moves to concluding the consideration of this agenda item. The need for further guidance is to be determined by those parties who are to implement such guidance, not on the basis of expectations from donor countries. We attempted a compromise with developed countries by taking the issue to the meeting set by Decision 10/CP.19 but this was not successful.
- 9. The G77+China further emphasizes the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ has concluded the methodological guidance on non-market based approaches to results based finance. The G77+China finally underlined that consensus was close to be achieved on alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation and that there is the opportunity to reach conclusions on this matter at next SBSTA session.
- 10. The Group would also like to recognize that alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches, need differentiated methodological guidance, in accordance to national circumstances and national policies, in the context of sustainable development supported by financial, technical, capacity building within the context of the Convention.

## Mr. Chairman,

- 11. On Response Measures, the G77 and China reaffirms the importance to give full consideration on what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention. In this regard, we still believe that there is space to continue the consideration of the issue under COP 20 towards the adoption of a decision on this agenda item in Lima, and we are prepared to continue to engage constructively towards a resolution of the matter.
- 12. In this sense, we reaffirm the contents of the recent G77 and China submissions for the continuation of the forum and the establishment of a mechanism to avoid and minimize the negative economic and social consequences of response measures taken by developed country Parties on developing country Parties, and in particular to address policy issues of concern, such as unilateral measures, and strengthen multilateral cooperation.

Thank you Mr. Chairman