



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE 42ND SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTA 42). BONN, GERMANY, 11 JUNE 2015

Excellencies,
Distinguished representatives,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Madam Chair,

1. The Group of 77 and China welcomes the progress made during this session here in Bonn on a number of agenda items, but at the same time registers its concern that no progress, or very little progress, has been made on others. This will unfortunately place us all under more pressure to finalize these matters in Paris at a time when we have to conclude intense negotiations under the ADP.
2. The Group wishes to reflect that on issues related to agriculture, the engagement was constructive in the two in-session workshops during SBSTA-42. The reports that will be considered in SBSTA 43 on these workshops should be comprehensive and capture the views of developing country Parties, taking into consideration the urgent need to increase the adaptive capacity of agriculture to deal with the adverse effects of climate change. This continues to be the key priority for developing countries in light of the particular vulnerabilities of the agricultural sector and its relationship with the livelihood of millions, food security and poverty eradication.

3. 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. We need to continue the consideration of the issue at our next session in Paris, in order to adopt a decision on this agenda item. We are prepared to continue to engage constructively towards a resolution of this matter.
4. Regarding REDD+, the Group welcomes the work concluded in this session, forwarding three draft decisions to the COP. This marks the end of a 10 year negotiation process. With the conclusion of negotiations on methodological guidance for REDD+, it is now up to developed countries to scale up and enhance support to all phases of REDD+ activities, in order to move us effectively into the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+. In this context, the Group also welcomes the decision in alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation for the integral and sustainable management of forests.

Madam Chair,

5. Under the SBSTA's agenda items 9(a), (b) and (c) that relate to Articles 5, 7 and 8 and 3.7 ter of the Kyoto Protocol, the Group of the G77 & China has worked constructively to generate the necessary clarifications on the rules. These rules are necessary to achieve a sustained and effective implementation of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol in a manner that maintains the environmental integrity of the commitments agreed in Doha, and has shown extraordinary flexibility in the interests of implementation.
6. We hope to work constructively with our Partners in Paris to resolve outstanding issues while preserving the integrity of the Kyoto Protocol rules, and without weakening further the commitments of Annex I Parties for the second commitment period.

Madam Chair

7. On the 2013-2015 review, the Group welcomes the 2013-2015 special event, that presented the report of the structured expert dialogue. We look forward to continue working in Paris.
8. On item 8 (c) that relates to emission from fuel use for international aviation and maritime transport, the Group takes note of the report by the secretariats of ICAO and the IMO. The Group holds a strong position that this agenda item should continue to be dealt with through a multilateral process, in a manner that is open and transparent, inclusive and Party driven. The Group is strongly against the imposition of unilateral measures in addressing emissions, which would be contrary to the principles of CBDR&RC and equity.
9. The Group welcomes the research dialogue that took place on 4 June where the scientific community made presentations on data and information gaps regarding research and systematic observation. The Group welcomes the conclusions arising from the research and systematic observation.

Thank you, Madam Chair